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## EASTER DUTY

Every year, as Lent draws to a close, those who have ignored the demands of Lent suddenly realize the need for making their Easter Duty--before boarding a plane. It's been our practice to welcome them as the father welcomed his prodigal son. One of these times, though, these procrastinators are going to cut it too close and arrive at the box and find the little green light turned off--and themselves cut off!

## MR. K

The reports of Mr. Khrushchev's illness call to mind the words of Robert Frost concerning him: "He's an enemy of mine, of course, but think of his fears--of us in front of him, of what's around him, of the Politburo behind him. And it doesn't seem to bother him a bit. Some day, of course, he may slip..." How many of us ever pray for him and the people he rules? It's a good bet that he needs a few prayers.

## IN YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for the following. Deceased: Father of Dick Marks of Lyons; grandmother of George Starman of Cavanaugh; grandfather of John McManus of Walsh; relative of Martin Praino of Zahm; friend of Lawrence Babst of Zahm. Ill: Mother of Michael Crowe of the General Program; friend of John Sieger of Morrissey. One Special Intention.

## VERNACULAR

The flurry of excitement that followed upon the appearance of the Apostolic Constitution Veterum Sapientia, seems to have subsided. When it first appeared, we suggested to some who were quite interested in it that it ought to be viewed as aimed primarily at stirring up respect for and adherence to the use of Latin in seminaries and seminary instruction. And the references to the liturgy in this context should, according to Father Diekmann (writing in the current issue of Worship), be viewed as a rebuke to those "who are irresponsibly agitating to displace Latin as the official language in the sacred rites....To agitate for the supplanting of Latin in our liturgy as an automatic panacea for all ills, is one thing; the respectfully expressed hope for concessions in the use of the vernacular in the liturgy, for seriously reasoned and widely experienced pastoral needs, ....is quite another."

## PROBE POSSIBLE CHANGES IN THE MASS


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Vatican City — (Radio-NC) — Possible changes in the Mass, and contemporary problems facing missionaries in Asia and Africa were among many questions studied by the fifth session of the Central Preparatory Commission of the Ecumenical Council.

**EARLY MEETINGS** of this session dealt mainly with liturgical problems. They were presented by Arcadio Cardinal Larrona, C.M.F., head of the council's Preparatory Commission for Sacred Liturgy, and included the nature of the liturgy, the development of the liturgical movement, and liturgical books themselves.

Although little can be stated at this time concerning specific matters considered by the commission, it is generally understood in Vatican circles that among the suggestions debated was a proposal that the Mass be changed in its non-essential characteristics so that Catholics of all levels could better participate in it and understand its full significance.

**AMONG CHANGES** said to have been under consideration is that the Mass end at the "Ite Missa Est" instead of with the reading of the Last Gospel, as at present. Other possibilities include the reorganization of the Lessons, Epistles and Gospels to give them greater significance for modern circumstances. No official information on these possibilities however was immediately available.



The spring weather and the occasional test that has a way of throwing you for a loss can be pretty distressing, and sometimes result in depression. Most everyone has to cope with this bugaboo from time to time. Scientists at the Bureau of Standards overcome it by exercises in suspect mathematics. (On one occasion they came up with a proof that heaven is hotter than hell. They arrived at this conclusion by combining Biblical data from the Book of Isaias with the Stefan-Holtzmann "fourth-power law" for radiation. The result was 977 degrees Fahrenheit. Hell, on the other hand, must be cooler than 832 degrees since any higher temperature would cause brimstone (sulphur) to evaporate into gas. So, it's argued, heaven is 145 degrees hotter than hell.) You might not be able to employ humor to pull out of your mood, but you must have some means ready for such emergencies.

You've heard it said over and over that it's foolishness to seek happiness away from God. Without the power of God creation couldn't continue in existence for a second. People in public life are demonstrating every day--not all of them, of course--that without the presence of God great wealth can be a scourge and great pleasures the breeding place of sorrow. The daily performance of duty, in union with God, even the poorest soul can come to know great happiness. Happiness isn't necessarily pleasure any more than pain is necessarily unhappiness. Happiness is loyalty to God.

Too much attachment to your own will; love of self-indulgent comfort; idleness; days filled with contradictions; an irritable, jealous disposition, all these can make for unhappiness and plunge one into a depressed mood. Watch out for them, and call to mind these words from the Scriptures:

Blessed is the man whom God correcteth: refuse not, therefore, the chastising of the Lord.      JOB. v, 17.

Blessed as they those iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.      PSALM. xxxi, 1.

Blessed is the man who hopeth in the Lord.      Psalm xxxiii, 9.

Blessed is the man whose trust is in the name of the Lord.      PSALM. xxxix, 5.

Blessed is the man who considereth the needy and the poor: the Lord will deliver him in the evil day.      PSALM. xl, 1.

Blessed are they who dwell in thy house, O Lord!      PSALM. lxxxiii, 5.

Blessed is the man who feareth the Lord; he shall delight exceedingly in his commandments.      PSALM. cxl, 1.

Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord.      PSALM. cxviii, 1.

Blessed is the man who has not slipped by a word out of his mouth and is not pricked with the remorse of sin.      ECCLUS. xiv, 1.

Blessed is the man to whom it is given to have the fear of the Lord.      ECCLUS. xxv, 17.

Blessed is the rich man that is found without blemish and that has not gone after gold, nor put his trust in money nor in treasures.      ECCLUS. xxxi, 8.

Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.      LUKE xi, 28.

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation.      JAMES I, 12.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.      APOCALYPSE xiv, 13.