

Some Practical Reflections on Current Religious Thought

By M. A. C.
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I have so often quoted...

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- 1. Goes to the Altar
2. Commences Mass
3. Says the Kyrie
4. Reads the Introit
5. Reads the Epistle
6. Prays at the altar
7. Uncovers the chalice
8. Offers bread and wine
9. Says the Orate Fratres
10. Prays in a low voice
11. Makes the moments for the living
12. Continues to pray in a low voice
13. Blesses the bread and wine with the Host
14. Elevates the sacred Host
15. Prays in a low voice
16. Says aloud: Noble group procession
17. Breaks and separates the Host

Not One Objection is Sound

The Editor Discusses Some Very Common Misapprehensions Regarding the Catholic Church.
I have read with interest...

It Will Not be a Union of State and Catholic Church

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There are many priests in the United States today who were formerly Protestant ministers...

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The most proper and the most fruitful way of attending the Holy Sacrifice is to read prayers in one's prayer book, preferably in English translation...

Just what is the Church's teaching in regard to the position of St. Joseph in the Holy Family? St. Joseph was the husband of the Mother of Christ and the foster-father of the Saviour...

Yes, for the Church in the early days of Christianity established the Canon of the Sacred Scriptures by determining which books were inspired by God and rightfully belonged in the Bible...

MY IDEAL OF A LIFE PARTNER

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Adam and Eve, and the
God had become incar-
them as He did for us
to pay to the Offended
of the Holy Trinity the
of man's guilt.

end of mine, who is quite

ous we might be in any com-
munity, have any rights over
them which the non-Catholic
minority has not. We would be
the last to deny any American
his rights. Of course, we should
insist on the same rights for
ourselves. Others would deny
US the rights guaranteed to ev-
eryone by the constitution, and
we often submit to such dis-
crimination. Tell your friend
to assume a sensible attitude to-
wards the Catholic Church, and
to give us an ear at least as wil-
ling as he gives to our enemies.

I crave for enlightenment on
what is written by St. John in
the 18th verse of the 13th chap-
ter of Revelations. The verse
reads as follows: "Here is wis-
dom. Let him that hath under-
standing count the number of
the beast for it is the number of
a man, and his number is 666."
A friend of mine says this num-
ber is on the Pope's mitre.

This question has frequently
been answered in OUR SUN-
DAY VISITOR. There is no
such number on the Pope's mitre
just as there is no such inscrip-
tion as "Vicarius Filii Dei,"
whose letters are supposed to
spell 666 in Roman figures. Dur-
ing the war people made the ti-
tle of Emperor William spell
666, and quite recently a priest,
whose name is Ernest Reginald
Hull, made his own name spell
666. All Protestant commen-
tators of note ridicule the idea
that the application is to be
made to the Pope. The book of
Revelations is very mysterious,
and has given rise to several
religious sects. The more com-
mon application is to the Pa-
gan Emperor, Nero, who was
one of the persecutors of the
early Christian Church, and dur-
ing whose reign SS. Peter and
Paul suffered martyrdom.

Is the reading of the New
Testament a proper way to hear
Mass?

The most proper and the
most fruitful way of attending
the Holy Sacrifice is to read
prayers in one's prayer book,
preferably an English transla-
tion of the prayers of the Missal.
While other pious readings
could be carried on and the reci-
tation of the Rosary and other
vocal prayers would be allowed,
still they should not prove a
source of distraction during the
principal parts of the Holy Sac-
rifice.

sure perfect com-
munity, and bring
down such blessings upon a home,
that it would simply be impossible
to be anything else but happy.

DAILY COMMUNION! I write it
in capitals, and were it in my power,
I would blazon it in letters of gold
across the sky. Who but those who
receive it daily, can tell its sweet-
ness! Any two young people, start-
ing out in life as daily communicants,
are richer than millionaires. They
may be in most dire poverty, but they
are not really poor. They will not
know the want of the warmth of love
and happiness. Let them be ever so
illiterate, they are wiser than sages
who know not the joy of receiving
God daily. Whatever deficit they
may possess by nature, or circum-
stances, they will soon possess assets
enough for any human beings. What
is more, let them have whatever
faults they may, these rough places
will be made smooth, and they will
learn charity and forbearance. Who
ever heard tell of two married people
separating, where they were daily
communicants, where even one was a
daily communicant.

The possession of any one or two
or a dozen virtues will not insure
happiness in the domestic life, any
more than a perfectly respectable life
will open the gates of heaven to one.
There is more than either of these at-
tributes necessary to obtain either
reward. There is only one thing that
will give us both, and that is, the
grace of God, and certainly no other
channel will bring that into our souls
more surely than daily communion.

(I am sure my idea of a life part-
ner will not meet with universal ap-
proval from the ones whose vote will
count in the contest. Too many of
our Catholics, even those who can be
called practical, look askance upon
daily communion, even yet. They are
like the son of a good mother whom I
know, and who is a daily communi-
cant. He protested against her going
to Mass daily, and when she asked
why he objected, he said: "I hate to
see you so odd—you are the only one
around here that I ever see going."
That's pretty nearly the summing up
of a good many so-called good Catho-
lics' objections. But, nevertheless, I
am so convinced of the truth of my
ideal of a good life partner, that I
could not write anything else).

A DAILY COMMUNICANT.

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REAL VS. IDEAL.
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Essay Editor, O. S. V.
In omnibus caritas. Pardon my
seeming egotism, but has not the
point been overlooked that "Ideal
Life" is a compound word—two co-
ordinate substances and not a noun
"wife" modified by the adjective
"ideal"? Philosophically Ideal Life
then becomes one substance without
predication, and not a substance of
which the accident of idealism is pre-
dicated for, alas, how brief a time!

Which premise elicits the sole re-
quisite for the girl whom I shall mar-
ry—her moral ability to compel me to
recognize not the ideal in her, but her
the ideal, her the norm and standard
by which to gauge the degree of
idealism in others.

Such a wife possesses in addition
the very utilitarian characteristic of
being attainable a characteristic
whose conspicuous absence has result-
ed in "real" being considered anti-
thetic of "ideal." Without it an ideal
becomes an idea—a subjective fore-
taste of the Beatific Vision and an
objective nonentity.

And when the honeymoon is on the
wane and tender sentiment has effe-

conclusion like most girls, but when
that little old temper does go! Whew!
(Sis is no saint). But a fellow does
not mind being raked over the coals
and apologizing and saying he is
sorry and mean it when the other
party is so right and square. And
best of all Sis never crows over a fel-
low, she accepts your apology and
that ends the matter. (Can't say that
for most girls). She will help you
out of most any kind of a scrape
once, but if she says "never again,"
you know she means it. She never
knocks a fellow when he is down, says
it is not "sporting," she is for the
"under dog" every time.

And a sense of humor! She is
bubbling!
Some fellows are strong on that
house-keeping stuff. They would
never make a hit with Sjs. She says
she would rather be hungry any day
than cook, and she "loathes" house-
work. BUT, she sees that it is done
and well done at that, and the few
times she has it to do she grits her
teeth and grins and bears it—she is
no slacker. I hope my wife will never
have to do anything she dislikes to
do, but if unforeseen circumstances
arise, I want her to meet them like a
man. A dead game sport.

And Religion, well I am hoping she
will be a Catholic. I would hate to
begin our married life with that vital
question looming between us.

This is the kind of girl a man wants
to work for, a girl worth living up to,
who, no matter what happens, will
meet you fifty-fifty.

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holy pictures. What can be more
beautiful than the Good Shepherd,
the Sacred Heart, the Madonna, the
Holy Family—teaching from the
walls silent lessons that the children
will never forget? A landscape or a
bit of sea is pleasant to look upon but
how much more profitable when it is
also a scene from the life of Christ.
Take, for instance, the scene at Lake
Genesareth—the stretch of land, the
tranquil water, the reverent listen-
ers—Christ standing among them, all
intent on the Word.

But what do we see most frequently