

This Matter of Communication

We have been discussing this matter of intra-family communication. We have been discussing it at some considerable length. There is another aspect of communication that we have scarcely mentioned as yet, but which is of very tremendous importance. Perhaps we should get to it without further delay.

It was Father Patrick Peyton's Rosary Crusades and radio programs that popularized the slogan, "The family that prays together, stays together." As with most slogans, it implied much more than it actually said.

For example, it implied that family prayer brought God's blessing on such families, that among these blessings were harmony in the family, peace (the kind that the world cannot give), stability, understanding, patience, forgiveness, individual self-sacrifice for the good of the family, etc. Praying together is only the tap that, once opened, permits the flow of countless other benefits.

In this matter of communication, we must not overlook or neglect God. If we do, we soon find our attention and our interests most completely absorbed by the routine of daily living. As Christians, it is vitally necessary that we keep open the channels of communication between God and ourselves; it is vitally necessary in order that we maintain the practice and habit of evaluating life and the things of this life with God's perspective.

If we let daily routine absorb our attention, we find ourselves thinking less and less often about God, about how *He* wants us to deal with living — and eventually we drift into secularism, living our life without ever thinking of God any more, and maybe dying that way too!

Mind you — we haven't said that it's easy to keep ourselves aware of God's closeness to us at all times. Nor do we assert that it is *easy* to act always according to the Christian code — but there are things we can do about these matters, and we will be well rewarded if we make the earnest effort to do them.

(We'll discuss these, next Sunday, same page.)



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In various ways, grace can be compared with electricity: it's difficult to explain what it is; it's easier to explain what it can do; it's easy to see how beneficial it is and how life is much more difficult without it. It gives light, warmth, energy.

Electricity is one of God's great physical gifts to mankind. Its benefits are self-evident. And, once a community becomes dependent on electrical power as part of its daily activity, all kinds of precautionary care are taken to protect the supply of electricity to the community, for a shut-down of power need happen only once to prove that, without this power, most of the important functioning of a community comes to a sudden, dark, increasingly cold, stop.

So it is with sanctifying grace. With it, we partake of the life, the energy, the light of God's own life. By the illumination of faith, we see our way in life; by the power of supernatural love, we radiate warmth to hearts around us; by the energy of our hope, we persevere unceasingly. But, if, by mortal sin, we cut ourselves off from the Source of our light, of our warmth, then the most important, most necessary functioning of our soul comes to a sudden, darkened stop. Unless we restore sanctifying grace to our soul, quickly, by confession, our heart may grow increasingly cold.

In today's Collect prayer, we recognize a very basic fact of life: "Without Your grace, O Lord, nothing we do can be pleasing to You." That is why we pray: "Therefore, let Your mercy direct our hearts."

With grace, however, our life is entirely different. St. Paul points this out: "Brethren, I give thanks to my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus, because in everything you have been enriched in him."

Immaculate Conception Church

Rexton, N.B.

Rev. Herbert Grattan, Pastor

Sunday Masses: Rexton 8.30 & 10.30

South Branch 9.30

Chapel Point 11.00

Confessions every Saturday evening at 7.30

Baptisms: Sunday at 2.p.m.

18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 6, 1963

Beads and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament this evening at 7p.m.

There will be no catechism classes today. The first Sunday of every month is Retreat Sunday for the Sisters, and they are not available for catechism on that day.

We are having trouble with the Furnace in the Hall, therefore there will be no heat in the hall until later in the week.

Next Sunday, the second Sunday of the month, is Communion Sunday for the men of the Holy Name Society.

Our Fall Supper and Sale of Fancy Work has been set for Wednesday October 23rd. Already plans are being made and if you are asked to take part, please co-operate fully.

High Masses for the Week.

The 10.30 mass this morning will be a low mass.

Mon. Mrs Albert Arseneault - Mr & Mrs Allison Arseneault

Tues. David Fournier - Mrs David Fournier

Wed. John Thompson - John & Kathleen Thompson

Thurs. Donald Flewelling - Mrs David Fournier

Fri. Hubert LeBlanc - Albertine Eagle

Sat. Ronald Murphy - Mr & Mrs Omer LeBlanc

Server this week: Ian Richard

There is a promise of marriage between TERRANCE BEERS, son of Stanley Beers and Mildred Reid;

and

THERESA CAROL HUDSON, daughter of William Hudson and Beatrice Woods. ist Publication.

Anyone knowing of any impediments to this marriage are obliged in conscience to make them known as soon as possible.

I will continue the Parish Visit this week. I have finished on this side of the bridge, so will begin on the other side of the bridge on Monday afternoon. I hope to complete the visit this week.

October is The Canadian national Institute for the Blind fund raising month. During this week Canvassers will call on you for a donation. The object of this campaign is to better the condition of the blind in Canada and to prevent blindness. Please be generous.

God Bless You.