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An Answer.

To "A Seeker of the Truth":

The Habitual irreverent use of the Holy Names shows two things:
regarding a man: First, his training has been such that those words are
imbedded deeply in his mind. This is in his favor, and in favor of those
who trained him. Secondly it shows that while the words themselves have
become indigeniously familiar to him, what they mean has not. Their
sacred significance has not as yet been fully realized.

Such a person is like a man who mechanically memorizes all the
rules for playing bridge, but can only repeat them, and not apply them.
This person needs someone to remind him that speech connotes ideas, and
that the jumble of words he has memorized has a very practical applica-
tion, the meaning of which he will do well to grasp if they are to aid
him in playing good bridge.

To return to our original person— in pronouncing the Holy Name
he has started a prayer, and perhaps after a reminder from you he will
understand that he should finish the prayer and not the curse.

Recluse.

St. Monica.

Tomorrow the Church commemorates another glory of motherhood — the
mother of St. Agustine. St. Monica prayed thirty years for the con-
version of her wild son— and lived to see him one of the great Doctors
of the Church. Offer Holy Communion for your own mother on St. Monica's
day, and pray that she will never have to shed tears over your conduct.

First Friday Adoration.

Confessions tonight in the basement after supper and at 7:30 in the
hall chapels. Mass of Exposition at 6:30/ Please be a sport and keep
out of the basement chapel tomorrow morning. We want a general
Communion for our mothers in the Church — something big enough to write
home about.

You Want Figures?

Some interesting statistics on the number of Communions:

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<td>125,320</td>
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Fair weather should aid your love for the Mother of God.

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