About every so often in the history of Christendom there is an upheaval in the Church. Whenever religion becomes particularly active Satan in creases his forces and attacks with renewed energy. And whenever that happens some of the best work for Satan is done by apostate Catholics -- renegades.

Arias and Mestorius were bishops -- and if they were alive today they would have a large following of shallow "intellectuals". Augustine, Athanasius and Cyril of Alexandria, were made by their opposition to these arch-heretics.

Julian the Apostate tried to wipe out the Name of Christ, and in attempting to rebuild the temple of Jerusalem brought about the literal fulfillment of the prophecy of Christ, "There shall not remain a stone upon a stone."

Berengarius, in attacking the doctrine of the Holy Eucharist, brought forth from St. Thomas Aquinas the full expression of the theology of the Blessed Sacrament.

Gibbon was a Catholic for a while before he became a skeptic. Voltaire was educated by the Jesuits. Hugo was a Catholic in his youth; so was Rousseau.

We are willing to trade a Joyce for a Kilmer, a Dollinger for a Newman, a Tyrrel for a Kinsman, a Gerald O'Conovan for a Shane Leslie, a whole pack of clam-diggers for a Chesterton. Let them go. The Church is well rid of them.

The fight comes home to Notre Dame. Wherever the devil finds religion active he comes in seeking recruits. His campaign is insidious -- well armed with slogans "Art for Art's sake," "To the pure all things are pure," "Broadmindedness," "The Church has always opposed progress," "You must read a man for his style," -- with these and a hundred wise cracks the devil catches fools and crowns them with the dunce-cap, while blind in their own conceit they scamper down to hell.

The best recruit for Anti-Christ is the man who has resisted strong spiritual environment for four years and has sought a philosophy by which to justify himself. Notre Dame expects failures. She also expects to develop great workers for God. Sign your name to one or the other of these lists: