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Crack The Whip!

Do kids still play that game (invented by some bone-setter) called "Crack the Whip?" The tail-enders got a powerful jolt in it, and one weak link in the chain may break a few necks.

The Catholic Church cracks the whip tomorrow; she shakes loose the weak links in her chain. The tail-enders -- those farthest from grace -- will end up in the ditch. The end of our chain at Notre Dame looks something like this:

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M M M M
D  M  Mc
D  L  Mc
D  K  Mc
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The Stupidity Of Stubbornness.

Nothing on earth but stubbornness is keeping some students away from the sacraments -- and they think it a sign of character. It is a sign of a certain kind of character; a mule has it as his most distinguishing trait. Determination is something else -- it is a virtue, a very distinguished virtue, and a quality of good character. It differs from stubbornness in that it is guided by reason. Stubbornness is essentially stupid.

Weighing God In The Balance.

Sin is a choice. In one side of the scale you place God, your beginning and your last end; in the other you place some creature -- a pleasure, an object of your desires. When you sin, you reject God; you tell Him you prefer a creature to Him.

What Dupes Your Folks Must Be!

That is the impression you give people when you tell them you are going to have one riotous time when you got home. It's no credit to your folks if they let you come home drunk, if they have no concern about your associates; it simply means that they are not doing their duty as Christian parents, and when you advertise the fact that they are negligent in their duty you are exposing them to public scorn. If they are as bad as you say they are, common decency suggests that you hide their weaknesses from public scrutiny.

Check Your Adoration Hours.

Volunteers have assured adoration during the three days of examinations; there are more cards at the rack, however, to make assurance doubly sure. Those who signed for these days when the cards were first given out, in April, should check over their dates to make sure that they have no conflict with examinations.

Prayers.

Charles Smith, an off-campus student, was badly injured in an auto accident Thursday night; the injuries reported are a fractured skull, broken legs, and crushed hips. Adrian Lopez wires that his father passed away Thursday. Four special intentions.

The Jungle Chapel

Contributions since the last report total $44.00, bringing the total up to $252.50, within $47.50 of the total of three hundred dollars needed.