Are You Chained To A Corpse?

History records many incidents of barbaric cruelty. But condemn a living man to be chained to a corpse, and you have reached the depths of human fiendishness.

If your buddy lives continuously in mortal sin, you have just about chained yourself to a corpse.

If your buddy misses Mass on Sundays and Holydays of obligation, he is living in mortal sin. His soul is dead. And he is worse than dead.

It's A Mortal Sin.

To neglect, knowingly and willingly, the Sunday obligation of hearing Mass, is definitely a grave sin. Outside of sickness or grave inconvenience no excuse for missing Mass is sufficient.

To miss Mass is not a sin of human weakness, as it is to be impure, or to get drunk. Hence missing Mass is a sin of the mind, malicious—almost diabolical.

The fallen angels stood before God and refused to obey. "We will not serve," they said.

The Catholic who misses Mass sins in like manner: "I will not go to Mass...I know the Mass is the unbloody sacrifice of the Cross...I know the Church makes attendance obligatory...I know the Church is infallible...I know Christ founded the Church...I know Christ is God...But I will not serve."

This is why he is on the way out of the Church. He neglects graces and soon will be ready to deny his faith. The Pentecostal fire which once glowed so beautifully in his childhood now dies down to a few smouldering embers. The next blanket of self-indulgence will completely smother the fire.

Not To Be Pitted.

Christ sympathized with sinners like Magdalene and Peter. They were human and weak. He hated sin but he loved the sinners.

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First Friday tomorrow, Fr. Farley still needs your prayers.