WHILE Here's a strange thing. Ordinarily, when you're the ones to benefit, you incline to whole-hog rather than stint. Mysteriously not so with the privilege of Holy Mass. To be sure, it's an admirable thing that this year you've been averaging 1429 Holy Communions a morning. As a matter of fact, not to paint too drab a picture, 86% of you hop out of bed early when you do receive: for 1238 of the 1429 Communions occur either within or immediately after the Mass. *** But, alack and alas! how few of you, when you receive, assist at the whole Mass--from the "Introibo" of the priest at the foot of the altar to the thrice-repeated invocation, "Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us," again at the foot of the altar.

QUEER How many of you--and this is the tough thing to have to admit--miss the Consecration! You miss the sacrifice of the Mass! You miss your chance to offer the immolated Christ, an Infinite Gift, to your heavener. Rather, you come only in time, and then often hastily, to take what He offers you--His Son in Communion! This evokes the query, considering the object of all the attention, "Who is God--you or the heavenly Father?" *** Communion is part of the Mass, an important part, God's gift to you. But you're queer--selfishly queer--if you isolate that. From now on think, recollect: the Offering and the Consecration are also important, essential parts of the Mass. They are your gift to God. Why not be on hand to offer them? to give Christ, slain, your Redeemer, back to the Father Who sent Him?

IT IS You couldn't make a resolve more pleasing to God, more beneficial to yourself than this: "I will make the whole Mass daily till June." It is time, nay past time, that the Bulletin and you as Catholic college gentlemen drive the Mass its due stress. It is the central act of religious worship in God's New Law. It is the path of His Church's liturgical life, which is her real life--and yours! It is the heart of Catholic social life, of your social life if you only knew it! For, by social life here is meant not your dances and dates, but your life among men, your personal part in the life of society. *** To realize how the Mass is the heart of your social life, look at yourself as you are.

WHAT You're something more than a human being, something more than a modern American, something more than a student at Notre Dame, something more than, perhaps, a good-looking fellow interested in what you believe is the niftiest girl in the world. You're a baptized Christian, a son of God, one of millions of brothers of the Lord Jesus Christ! *** Granted, of course, God's sustaining hand in the natural order, your sufficiency as a human being, as Jimmy X in Merrissey Hall, is from your powers of thought and feeling and will. *** But your sufficiency as a son of God, as a Catholic, as one brother to millions of other brothers in Christ is not from yourself but from CHRIST and Him only. "Without Me you can do nothing; I am the vine, you the branches; I am the head, you the members."

WHERE You must have Christ. And the one place Christ can be found today, Him, in this twentieth century mess; the one place this Prince of Peace can be found amid the din of international canticles--"Fascist," "Communist," "Sorite," "anti-Semite," "Stop Hitler"--is in the Sacrifico-Banquet of Holy Mass! "I am with you all days; It is I, fear not; This is My Body, this is My Blood."

BUT Go, then, to the whole Mass every day till June. As bread and wine are offered, as His Body is offered again from His Blood by the two consecrations, you witness the saving Death of the Lord. Then, by Communion, you share in the sacrifice. Christ gives you Himself and infuses His divine life into your soul.

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