Worried?

Fear of or worry over confession is an old trick of the devil. Don't let him use that propaganda on you.

Slip down to the Grotto first if you wish, talk things over with Mary and ask her help; then come back as the line thins out - but come back or go to Dillon, Howard or Cavanaugh up to 9:45 and press the buzzer.

If confused just tell the priest - "Father, I've got an awful mess and I don't know just where to begin." He'll help wonderfully, understandingly, also gladly.

You'll go home happy - so will the priest - and in Heaven there is more rejoicing over one sinner doing penance than over ninety-nine just.

Loyalty

"I had to "go to bat" for him. I couldn't let him down. Why, he's my friend", and youth thinks that is sufficient explanation. Loyalty to friends is one of youth's greatest passions. He'll sacrifice, suffer much for them, taking it for granted that loyalty is admirable, - and thank God, it is.

It is so like the loyalty of John at the foot of the Cross. John, the pure of heart, who stood when all the other stalwart, boasting Apostles fled the wrath of the Jews, stood fast, faced and shared the jeers, the hate and contempt of Christ's persecutors.

He stood with the Mother who naturally would be there - and with that converted sinner, Mary, whose sorrowing love had melted her impulsiveness into a bond of loyalty, into a bond that no white-hot hate of the Jews could melt.

We need some of that loyalty, too, for the greatest Friend any youth ever had, when the world laughs at purity, or Christian ideals, or when some companion encourages to sin, with "What's the matter? Are you afraid?"

Who has the greater courage, the greater loyalty: he who is loyal only to his own selfish desires of pleasure, who hasn't the courage to fight temptation, or he who is moved by a quiet courage and loyalty to that Greatest Friend, Who said: "If you love me, you'll keep my commandments."

Which youth would you rather have as a friend when you're in a tight spot and need help that will cost him something?

Funds' Reports

We failed to acknowledge receipt of the following for the House of Hospitality: $5.00 from Van Wallace; $5.00 from an army chaplain.

Pete's Putt-Putt Fund has been increased by a $10.00 donation from an anonymous reader of the Bulletin; by $5.00 from the juniors and seniors of St. Anthony High School in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; by $25.00 from a New York Bulletin fan. The scooter is now being specially built for Pete. Any balance over the cost will be given to him personally. He can use it.

Nick Pallela.

Nick's condition continues to be critical. Complications have risen which the doctors say militate greatly against his recovery. Pray for him.

PRAYERS: (deceased) J. Sohen; 2 friends of C. Houser, C.S.C. (Moreau Sem.). Ill, mother of Bob McCoy (Morr); mother of L. Scalfani (How) oper. Five special intentions.