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The Devil and Daniel Webster — and You.

The whimsical movie in town, many of you reported, showed a poor sap who sold his soul to the devil in return for 7 years of good luck, riches and pleasures. He got plenty sick of his bargain and looked for a way out, retaining Daniel Webster as his counsel, the jury being famous historical traitors who had sold out to the devil.

Webster won his release from the contract, and the end of the picture shows the devil looking around for another victim that he can sign up.

Over the week-end the devil will be looking for you with idleness on your hands and a desire to relax after exams.

Don't sell out to him. Be a man here or away over the week-end.

Early Birds.

Recently one student desired to receive Communion at 5:15 A.M. because he was leaving the campus early to be examined for the draft at home.

He wasn't praying to flunk the exam either. It was just that he is a daily Communicant, trusts in God, and takes things in their stride, draft and all, and he didn't want an early departure from the campus to interfere with his usual daily reception of Christ.

It didn't either. Mass is said every morning at Dillon at 5:30 and reception of Communion for early departures can be arranged then — or earlier if need be — and gladly.

Slavery?

You have probably heard it said by some that they could not be Catholics because Catholicism means "slavery for the intellect" and dogmas are "the annihilation of freedom of thought."

It is significant to note that the great intellectual converts originally had that same attitude. Later they became most appreciative of the Church's infallibility as a guide to their own thinking. John Moody, prominent financial analyst, after trying various philosophies and religions and finding they all fell before a searching rational analysis, finally became a Catholic. In his autobiography "The Long Road Home", here is his reaction to the "intellectual slavery" charge against Catholicism:

"Catholicism, as I had pictured it, had always been repellent to me. I did not want to become a Catholic, any more than did my friends. I wanted to remain free and un-trammelled, as I always had been. The very idea of submitting to authority had seemed to me like going into slavery.

"But I did not then know, as I now do, that to become a Catholic is to release one's self from slavery; to find true freedom; to unshackle the chains and bolts which bind one to uncertainty, aimlessness and despair. To discover truth, to know it is the truth, and to embrace it — what greater or higher freedom can one have than that? And what folly not to 'submit' to it!"

Brother Canute.

Brother Canute, C.S.C., one of the oldest and best known Holy Cross brothers is now at St. Joseph Hospital. He deserves your prayers. He has said many of them for you.

PRAYERS: (deceased) father of James Quinn (Zahn); father of Rev. D.F. Cunningham, LL.D., Supt. of Diocesan Schools in Chicago; Ben Bourne ’26; friend of J. Behr (Dil.); friend of Tony Risella (Al.). Ill, mother of Tom (Ly) and Don (E-P) Kane; father of J. Behr (Dil.). Five special intentions.