"Have You Witnessed Any Unfavorable Results Of Mixed Marriage?"

(Answers by Notre Dame students.)

"Dear God, yes; and I pray with all my heart that my sister will yet be saved."
"Seven of my relatives, within the second degree, have lost their faith."
"Two aunts married non-Catholics. Now they go to Mass only when my father is with them."
"My aunt married a non-Catholic and the children don't go to any church."
"Four of them. In each case the Catholic has fallen away, and in all four children have been kept from the faith."
"Yes, loss of faith in my own family."

"Yes, three aunts. Two have legal separations, and the third is separated from the Church."
"Yes. My cousin married a non-Catholic with a questionable past. He works like a mule and she dresses like a princess."
"Yes. The two children won't live at home -- rarely ever come home, in fact. Only the mother's religion keeps her there."
"Yes and no. My two sisters married non-Catholics; one was good, the other not so good."
"My father and I are Catholics; mother and three sisters are Protestants. There are no unfavorable results or disentanglement in the family, but I would not encourage a mixed marriage." (In a mixed marriage both parties promise that ALL the children will be baptized Catholic.

"I am the only Catholic out of eight children, although several of them were baptized before father grew lax."
"One of my sisters was lost to the faith by mixed marriage; the other gained a good Catholic by marriage."
"Yes -- in my own home. It has given me a lop-sided view of life."
"Yes, in my own family. It absolutely does not pay."
"Yes; the Catholic who was proud of his faith when he married her doesn't go to church any more."
"I know of one happy one out of perhaps a dozen -- relations between parents always strained -- can't be happy -- children poor Catholics, if at all."
"Yes. Two cousins; both divorced."
"Yes. The husband lost the faith for years. He is old and broken now, his wife is dead, the children are nothing."

"One striking example. The parties have lost respect for each other."
"And how!"
"Yes, but also good ones. Still, I don't favor them."
"Many of them; wrecked homes, children let run wild."
"Many. In fact, I have seen but one successful one, and it is young yet."
"A couple stayed at our house for six months. I understand now."
"Yes. My own sister had a run-away marriage, and was drowned six months later. She died outside the Church."
"My uncle's, although it does not appear so to the outside world. She has sort of dragged my uncle down and lowered his ideals. He is a Catholic college graduate, too."

(Religious Survey, 1937-28)

Novena For Mother's Day,

The printer is now making up an attractive Spiritual Bouquet card you can fill out and send home for May 13, Mother's Day. The Novena will begin next week, May 4, the feast of St. Monica, the mother of St. Augustine. The Bouquet cards will be distributed during the first days of the Novena.

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