Tonight at 6:45: Novena to the Sorrowful Mother in Sacred Heart Church.

Don't Listen To The Judas-Goat

The Windy-City boys, on the slightest provocation, will tell you all about the great city of Chicago. One of the biggest industries is the stockyards. Daily, thousands upon thousands of animals are slaughtered, butchered, and sent to all parts of the world. Sheep are the most docile, and follow a leader from the pens to the slaughtering. And what's so wonderful about this leader? Well...

He's called the Judas-Goat -- he's a specialist at leading others to their downfall. Day after day he goes along, being spared the fate of the others. But in the end he gets the knife himself -- right in the neck. And he's not prepared for it at all. It's all a big, cruel surprise for him. He's the goat ultimately.

Beware of those who invite you to an evening of "stag" entertainment. You'll find few who play the Judas-Goat to perfection, because they're experts at leading others astray -- away from God, and the Commandments, and decency, and moderation, and good example; maybe away from Eternal Life!

Smart and wise the Judas Goat thinks he is. He also thinks he gets away with it; but the day of reckoning comes ultimately as he faces the Judge, and hears the penalty meted out to him for his scandal and bad example, and corruption of the innocent:

"But whoever causes one of these little ones, who believes in Me, to sin, it were better for him to have a great millstone hung around his neck, and to be drowned in the depths of the sea".

"Woe to the world because of scandals! For it must needs be that scandals come, but woe to the man through whom scandal does come!"

So great is your dignity; so great is God's love for you, that He gave you a special protector -- your Guardian Angel -- from the day of your birth. It is the special province and duty of this angelic spirit to protect you, especially in time of temptation. He prays for you with a special effect. Give your Guardian Angel a little help. Cooperate with him by avoiding the obvious Judas-Goat -- it will be a little late getting wise to him in hell. That he finally got it in the neck won't help you much then. Now's the time to be on the alert; to stay clear of him.