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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

PRAYER
It is very profitable for the young men of our day to realize that every man, manly, clean-lived and clean-mouthed Christian must be a man of prayer. They should, early in life, understand that it is a glorious privilege to be able to take their attention away from the contests, the follies and the anxieties of life, and raise their minds to talk familiarly and lovingly to God the Father who created them, to God the Son who died for them on the Cross and to God the Holy Spirit of divine truth and grace.

You have heard the old quotation, "Show me your company and I'll tell you what you are." It is even more true that from a man's language one can tell to what class he belongs. "Loquax tua te manifestat facit." Thy speech reveals thee." Therefore, each reader by honest self-scrutiny can decide whether his words and his thoughts pertain chiefly to worldly pride, to sensuality, to the devil or to God. The language which God's children speak is that of prayer, whether mental or vocal. The more the children love their father, the more anxious are they to talk with him, to consult him and to follow his instructions. From your own knowledge of your own life, you must draw your own conclusions whether or not your language is of or to God.

By filling our minds with pure and saintly thoughts, prayer broadens our views, leads us to know more about the God who created all the marvellous beauty and splendour of heaven and earth, and teaches us to acknowledge the infinite wisdom shown in things earthly and things celestial. Through the mental richness which comes from close meditation, it gives us a clear insight into the perfection which God displays in His laws, and in their purpose to bring us to justice, peace, happiness and the same fruition of His copious blessings.

The deep reasoning which follows prayer, makes us see and use many opportunities for doing good, and, per contra, enable us to perceive and to avoid dangers and evils which would surely afflict us, did we not calmly and prudently meditate upon the results of violating God's reasonable mandate made by His infinite wisdom and love. Prayer and meditation open for us new ways and means of spiritual advancement. Through them we converse with our God Who is rich and powerful and Who has said: "Ask and you shall receive." He wants us to ask. He wants us to pray to Him, and to talk to Him. Even in worldly affairs men often say: "If a thing is worth having it is worth asking for." And in worldly matters men do seek and ask persistently for what they desire. Why not do likewise for the higher and nobler advantages of stronger and purer life, for greater appreciation of God's wisdom and goodness, and for the grace to seek daily with ever-increasing ardor for better and grander service of God and for a more earnest spirit of kindness and helpfulness for our fellow-men?

Prayer is the key which unlocks the treasure house of heaven. It is a golden chain which binds us to God, which unites us in song with His Angels, praises Him in common with our sainted dead, and with the vast multitudes which are the most glorious "legion of honor" on earth.

Prayer is more powerful than riches, stronger than armies, wiser than philosophers, legislators and courts. It solves all perplexities, saves the tortured from self-destruction and despair, dispels the dark clouds of temptation, and irrigates arid souls with torrents of hope and with refreshing and life-giving grace from heaven.

It is light shining in darkness; it is the breath of new life. By it weak are made strong, and the timid are made rationally bold against the enemies of soul and body. It is the crowning glory of manhood. It raises one to the dignity of association with the purest, the noblest of mankind, of whom it may be truly said: "Of such is the kingdom of heaven."

At our age we do not need special revelation as to how we shall pray. We have already been taught by our sainted mother, by our studly Catholic father, and by the devoted priests of Christ's Church. The daily prayers, morning and evening, are contained in our prayer book. The magnificent litanies, the various and fruitful prayers and special devotions of the Church should be familiar to every Catholic young man. Nevertheless, it is sometimes true that our young men lose the habit of prayer, through fear of being ridiculed by their associates. You, dear reader, should be of too high a type of

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

STORY OF AN EMPTY SLEEVE
The evening's work was done, the supper dishes washed and neatly stacked in the corner cupboard, and everything made snug and tidy in the old-fashioned kitchen. Grandpa sat by the table, on which the flickering tallow dip made a cheerful if not very brilliant light. Chestnuts were in the ashes, and apples arranged along the hearth in front of the big log fire.

WE were impatiently awaiting the feast and fast getting noisy when little Ben crept up to grandpa's side and begged for a nut.
"No one could ever refuse Ben anything, for there was that about the big blue eyes of our crippled brother which was irresistible to all of our one-armed grandfather."

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS
GIRLS AND THEIR FRIENDS
Most of us start out in girlhood with rather definite opinions as to friendship. A friend should be this or that. We have the matter all settled in our minds. And then, along comes some experience entirely outside our expectation. The friend to whom we have vowed undying devotion fails us in some essential and disappoints us deeply.

WHY ONE BOY GOT AHEAD
"Our junior partner," said a business man, "came to us as a boy. We had two boys at that time, both equally promising, but one of these boys had since risen only to be a junior clerk in our shipping department, while the other has now become our junior partner. How did we become to know which was which? I will tell you."

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LOYALTY
Loyalty as a virtue inspires admiration even from hostile sources. It is one of those qualities of human character, which are found in the heart when it is at its best. The degenerate cannot be loyal; and in fact, every act which estranges the affections from God, destroys in the heart so much of that loyalty which is necessary to complete humanity.

WE WALK BLINDLY
What we need is eyes to see. The presence of the benevolent God is evoked in a thousand ways, but we lack the power or the disposition to appreciate this marvelous fact. Many a man has seen a country graveyard, but it required a Gray to see it in a great poem. Literature is filled with gems that genius has rescued from the rubbish heaps.

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Editor Catholic Standard and Times: In a recent issue of The Presbyterian there was an article on "Fifty Years of Italian Unity," by the Rev. Alexander Allison D. D. which, in commenting on the official actions of the Pope, ignores the religious considerations which animate him, and attributes his conduct to a blind resentment which prevents him from seeing the worldly embarrassments in which his devotion to right must involve him.

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of Nazareth were being tossed. All around us now are pictures of this very sort. But we do need to bear always above the tempest and the turmoil, the words there spoken, "Peace be still," and we do need to say to self, "Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?"

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