

"Who Said The Catholic Church Never Changes?"

Bill remembered when Pope Pius XII changed the law to permit the drinking of water before Holy Communion.

"How about that?" he asked his Catholic friend, Joe. "And look at the changes the Church makes in the requirements of fast and abstinence, and the rules for Lent. And the Pope has changed the hours for Mass, to mention just one other change! What do you mean, the Catholic Church is the same everywhere and never changes its laws?"

An informed Catholic, of course, could have told Bill that certain laws of the Catholic Church have been undergoing changes all the way back to apostolic times. The Canon Law of the Church, for example, consists of more than 2,400 canons which have evolved through many changes into the form in which they are promulgated today.

But there are two kinds of laws upon which the doctrine of the Church is founded, and which are never changed. One is the natural law; the other the positive divine law. They are in one sense the basic laws of the Church. But in their primary and larger way they are the laws of God, which the Church obviously has no authority to change. The Church can and does promulgate them; but she never amends or alters them.

The natural moral laws, of course, are those which God has made evident to the reason and intelligence of man... man shall adore God, shall honor his parents, shall not kill, or lie, or steal. When man's conscience failed its obligation to observe these laws, God put them into words through the Commandments and through the ministry of His Son, Jesus.

To proclaim these laws again

and again, and to urge man's compliance with them, is a proper function of the Church. But she cannot amend or alter them in any way.

This is also true of the divine laws enunciated by Our Lord, which the Church is commissioned to proclaim—but not to change. In authorizing the Church to dispense the Sacraments, Jesus did not specify the exact occasions or conditions of fulfillment. Thus, when the Church prescribes such occasions or conditions and later changes them, she is not changing the divine law itself.

Spread over the face of the earth... with her people living under a variety of political, social and economic conditions... the Church must adapt her regulations to varying needs. But in the basic laws of the Church... in the essentials of God's truths... she remains changeless and unchanging down the centuries of time.

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PIES RATE HIGH

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Spice Pastry for 1-Crust Pie

Follow recipe for basic pastry I or II. Sift 2 tablespoons sugar, ¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon, ½ teaspoon ground ginger, and ¼ teaspoon ground cloves with flour and salt. Substitute orange juice for cold water.

Cheese Pastry for 1-Crust Pie

Follow recipe for basic pastry I; cut in ½ cup (2 oz.) grated Cheddar cheese with the shortening.

Roll Out Pastry for 1-Crust Pie

Follow recipe for basic pastry I. Mix ½ cup uncooked rolled oats with the flour. Increase shortening to ½ cup. Bake at 400° F 15 min., or until crust is lightly browned.

Nut Pastry for 1-Crust Pie

Follow recipe for basic pastry. Roll out dough between two 12-in. squares of waxed paper into a round about ¼ in. thick. Peel off top piece of paper and sprinkle dough with 2 tablespoons chopped nuts, leaving a 1-in. border plain. Cover with paper and gently roll nuts into dough. Turn pastry over and repeat. Peel off top paper and fit pastry into a 9-in. pie pan. Remove other piece of paper and flute pastry edge. Prick generously with a fork. Bake at 450° F 8 to 9 min., or until pastry is lightly browned.

Almond Crunch Pie

CONVENIENCE FOOD RECIPES

TO PREPARE: 40 MIN. TO CHILL: 2 HRS.
(allow time for cooling)

Toasted almond pastry for a 9-in. pie
½ pkg. chocolate pudding and pie filling mix
1 ½ teaspoons instant coffee
1 cup milk
½ teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup chilled whipping cream
2 tablespoons sifted confectioners' sugar
1 pkg. lemon chiffon pie filling mix
½ cup chopped toasted almonds
16 toasted almond halves

1. Prepare, bake, and cool almond pastry.
2. In a saucepan combine the chocolate pudding mix and the instant coffee. Blend in the milk and cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture comes to a full boil. Remove from heat.
3. Blend in the extract. Cool; stir once or twice. Turn into pastry and spread evenly.
4. Using chilled bowl and beater, beat the whipping cream until of medium consistency (piles softly). With a final few strokes, blend in confectioners' sugar.
5. Prepare the lemon chiffon pie filling mix according to directions on package. Gently fold half (about 1 cup) of the whipped cream into the chiffon pie filling. When just blended, mix in the chopped almonds.
6. Carefully turn the mixture over the chocolate filling and spread evenly.
7. Top with swirls of the whipped cream and garnish with the almond halves.
8. Chill at least 2 hrs. One 9-in. pie



I was just thinking...

ALMOST everybody in our town knows Kenny.

He has been working in one store or another since he was a teen-ager, and that's a long time ago.

One thing about Kenny is that he has always been well-groomed. But the most important thing about him is that he wears a smile as well as he wears his suits.

A while back, a few of the fellows around town began kidding Kenny a little. When they dropped into the store where he worked, he couldn't always find what they wanted. When he did, he couldn't read the price tag.

The fellows gave Kenny a bad time about that. They said if he'd get to bed nights instead of carousing around town, he'd do a better job in the daytime. Kenny always smiled and agreed.

One morning Kenny didn't come to work and only then did the customers up and down the street discover that Kenny hadn't been staying out nights at all.

He had been going blind.

Almost everybody in our town suffered. When we met, we talked about Kenny and his smile, Kenny and his secret courage,

Kenny and his determination to fight the darkness. But there was nothing we could do about it.

He was gone from our town a long time. When he came back, he was well-groomed as always. He wore a smile as well as he wore his suit.

But he carried a long white cane.

He spoke to those who met him on the street. He looked them right in the eye and heard their voices and then called each of them by name.

And then he opened his own store for the first time in his life. He made blueprints from plywood. He put brads along the shelves so he could tell even better than before what he was looking for, and how much it cost. He kept sales records in Braille, and he read volumes, but by listening instead of looking.

So now Kenny is walking down our streets once more. He is smiling more than ever before. We smile, too, because he has kept the darkness a little further away from the rest of us.

And our town is all right again.

Patty Johnson