

ADVICE TO CATHOLIC RECRUITS

1. Be a good soldier. You can serve God and country best by being true to yourself.

2. Seek out a Catholic chaplain at once: offer your services to him for any assistance he may require.

3. Find your friends at the Communion rail. Some soldiers are daily communicants; others go as often as they can. You are sure of good companionship if you spend your time with frequent communicants.

4. Obey commands promptly and with good will. No officer is likely to command you to do anything contrary to good conscience. If any officer should do so, consult your chaplain on the matter.

5. Seek wholesome amusement in recreation hours. The chaplain can advise you where to find it. Don't gamble. Most gamblers become "moochers"—and the moocher is an army pest.

6. Carry a medal and rosary; keep a prayer book in your kit. Use them. Join the Holy Name Society.

7. Join a discussion group or study club. If there isn't one in your outfit, help the chaplain organize one.

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8. Write home frequently; write occasionally to your pastor. If the chaplain has cards to certify attendance at the Sacraments, send them home.

9. Give good example as a Catholic gentleman. To men who have never known Catholics before, *you* represent the Catholic Church. Help others to be good, representative Catholics.

10. Don't get married before you leave; don't marry in the Army. A year of separation now may save years of separation later on.

11. Offer your sacrifices every day in union with the sufferings of Our Blessed Lord in His Passion and Death. In this way you supernaturalize your sacrifice, turning it to eternal advantage.

12. Look upon your years of training as a special opportunity God has given you to develop a strong body and a rugged character. Your country needs men of character—particularly men whose vision looks clear into eternity. A man whose eyes are fixed on God as his Last End has no temptation to seek his heaven on earth. Subversive doctrines promise you heaven on earth: no such promise can ever be fulfilled.

*Enter the Army clean—Come home clean.
God bless you!*

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