

Religious Bulletin.

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Prayers Needed.

F. J. Smith, of Freshman Hall was called home yesterday by the critical illness of his mother.

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Who is Your Pastor?

Complaints have come in during the past week from five different parishes that the Notre Dame men in those parishes take no part in parish life. Four cases were cited of marriages outside of the church, several of neglecting Sunday Mass, and several of neglecting Easter Duty.

Since names were not given, it is impossible to compare the present religious attitude of these men with their attitude at school. Without such data useful conclusions cannot be drawn.

One observation suggests itself: When you leave school, your home parish will be the Catholic Church for most of you. Know your pastor. It is through him that you must keep in touch with God, because he is the custodian of the Sacraments for you. Write to him now, and call on him during the holidays. And don't tell him that you haven't received the Sacraments this Fall, because he probably knows as well as you do, that the average Notre Dame student receives Holy Communion oftener than three times a week.

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What Can You Say for Notre Dame Men?

Are those complaints universal? If you want to help solve a problem, please send in some facts. Do not sign your name, and do not give any names. Simply answer the following questions:

How many Notre Dame men in your home parish?

How many of them are, to your knowledge, monthly communicants?

How many are notably negligent?

How many are connected with parish activities?

Are any of them married outside the church?

State how long these men are out of school.

Is it a country, town or city parish?

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