

Religious Bulletin.
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An Optional Devotion.

You can spare a little sleep one day in the year, especially for something voluntary. All those in favor of optional Sunday afternoon services will report in the church at 6:15 Thursday morning.

The Fortune Teller.

"My chief objection to daily Communion is that it leads to receiving when not in the state of grace. (2) Too many students receive for the mere purpose of obtaining a 'drag'. (3) The priests, especially those in authority have a tendency to judge the moral character of a student by the number of times he receives. (4) The Prefect of Religion seldom speaks to those who do not receive frequently. Vice Versa." --Lux-Lex.

1. Although students admit moral failings very frankly on their questionnaires, when there is no need for them to do so, no student has ever yet stated that he received Holy Communion when not in the state of grace. The whole tenor of the testimony of the students is a contrary to your statement which is most unkind.

(2) (3). If any student receives Holy Communion for the purpose of obtaining a drag (which seems inconceivable of any person who knows that the Holy Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ), he is certainly fooling himself. Seven of the twenty students dropped by the College of Commerce for low scholarship after the February examinations, were daily communicants; seven more daily Communicants have been suspended this year by the Prefect of Discipline (for offenses not involving moral turpitude), the Committee on Absences has dropped a few more. Daily Communion should and does make a man watchful of his conduct and more serious in his studys.

(4). This is a variation in the usual complaint -- which is that the Prefect of Religion talks too much to infrequent communicants. The Prefect of Religion was a timid little boy, but got over that when at the age of 17 he was made a private secretary to a rhinoceros. He drops a hint about the Sacraments whenever he feels it will do good; he omits it when he fears (after many experiences) that it will do harm. Besides, this has been a busy year for him, and he has not been able to make the personal acquaintance of more than 80% of the students. Misjudge if you like, but get the facts and do not misunderstand. --Lux-Lix.

Easter Duty.

If you want to edify and be edified, do your share to have a full attendance at the Easter Communion Thursday morning. Off-campus students should make this sacrifice for the good of their souls. At present there are 1750 Catholic students registered. That many men at Holy Communion at once will be a sight you will never forget.

Crucify Your Ignorance.

You may hate to read, but you will remain ignorant unless you learn to read. Visit the pamphlet rack and find something your soul needs. Read -- even if it hurts.

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