

RELIGIOUS BULLETIN
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Welcome Home

Notre Dame has been as dead as the Indian Trading Post at Fort Wayne for the past two weeks -- and the basement chapel has been as deserted as the breakfast table in your own home during the same length of time. With all the funny kinks in your heads and knees, and elbows you keep the place lively, so welcome home.

Now Dig!

Exams are only three weeks off, and they're going to be terrible. The skids are oiled for about three hundred students who are on probation, and the next probation list looks big: too much turkey for thanksgiving, too much candy for Christmas, too much red-eye New Years, too much girl all the time. Forget the girls: pray hard, study hard, dig! You can fook the faculty if you try.

First Friday.

Your first duty in the new year is to thank God for giving you another year in which to do penance. Add to a fervent First Friday Communion, a good heart-to-heart talk with Our Blessed Lord during the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Be generous with Our Lord. Put on a cassock and surplice and spend a whole hour in the sanctuary. Your year will be off to a good start.

The Uncertainty of Tomorrow.

1923 was not hard on us -- yet two students died of pneumonia, one was drowned, and another was struck by a train ten days ago. More than a hundred students lost relations and close friends. What will this year bring?

New Year's Resolutions.

The road to hell is pretty well paved already, so don't make any foolish promises. Here are two practical resolutions that are easier to keep than to break.

1. Daily Communion.
2. Daily spiritual reading.

Daily Communion opens your heart to the grace of God and spiritual reading opens your mind to the mysteries of His kingdom. You've got to read or you'll lose out. What was good enough for your father is not good enough for you. You read the other side in the papers every day. Fortify your faith by Catholic reading.

Prayers.

Bob Cahill's sister died December 22, and Brother David, C.S.C. on Christmas day. James Donahue was struck by a train and is still in a serious condition. Charlie Grimes '20, is danderously ill.

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