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The Mass.

The Mass is a test of your Faith. You are not ignorant: you know what the Church teaches about the Mass. Do you believe that teaching? Your appreciation of the Mass is an exact measure of your Faith in the Mass, in the teaching of the Church that the Mass is an Unbloody renewal of the Bloody Sacrifice of Calvary.

The Whole Mass.

When the Church tells you that you will go to Hell if you miss the Offertory of the Mass and the part preceding it, wilfully, through your own fault (not hearing another Mass that Sunday), -- when the Church tells you that, do you think she excuses you from sin when you come to Mass just before the Offertory?

The Mass and Holy Communion.

Just because as an accommodation to the necessities (and the weaknesses) of frail humanity Notre Dame exercises great freedom in the distribution of Holy Communion outside of Mass, you should not get the idea that Holy Communion should normally be separated from the Mass.

As a protest against the indedency of coming late to the 7:30 Mass and then receiving Holy Communion, confessions were not heard in the west wing of the Church Sunday morning -- when the west wing was filled with students who had come late for Mass. (Those who were present at the beginning of the Mass had ample opportunity for confession.)

Sacrilegeous Communion.

If a Catholic were to come to Mass late enough to be bound under pain of mortal sin to hear another Mass, and were then to form the intention of not hearing another Mass, it would be a sacrilege for him to approach Holy Communion. It would be a material sacrilege if he did not advert to the fact -- but it is not complimentary to suppose that he is so densely ignorant that he does not know his obligations in this matter if he lives in a normal Catholic community.

The End of Mass.

Those who crucified Our Blessed Saviour on Calvary and those curious persons who watched the crucifixion, did not rush away from the scene with the impatient haste of those college men who try to beat the gun at the Sunday Mass.

The 10:15 Mass.

A correspondent wants to know something about the rule on the 10:15 Mass. This question was handled in the Bulletin Ad Nauseam on Saturdays of October and November. The department of discipline has handled the matter since then. -- The second part of this letter deals with those who miss Mass rather than get caught. Their problem is simple. They have their choice between Hell and a campus -- and they choose Hell.
