

Special Religious Bulletin.  
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Frank Walsh is Dead.

Frank Patrick Walsh, of Brownson Hall, died at 10:35 last night. After the long and hard struggle, the end came peacefully. Claspig the crucifix, he drew his arms up on his breast and quietly passed away.

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Scarcely two weeks ago he was playing quarterback for a team in spring practice. He was not used to sickness, and he delayed going to the infirmary when the fatal poison first made its presence felt. His body was strong, and although he was perfectly resigned to the Holy Will of God, he fought a brave fight for life.

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On Friday afternoon he showed signs of fatal complications. He was anointed, and received the Sacraments with great devotion, answering the prayers himself. Shortly afterwards he lapsed into a mild delirium, but had a restful night.

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When the Blessed Sacrament was brought to him Saturday morning the delirium left him, and he received Holy Communion with eagerness and great fervor. He then lapsed into unconsciousness, and the signs of fatal complication soon became evident. His reason returned again when the final absolution was pronounced on Saturday afternoon, and he recited the Confiteor, the Act of Contrition and the aspirations devoutly.

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Articulation became impossible after this, but he recognized prayers and attempted to answer them aloud. He struggled to make the sign of the cross, and kiss the crucifix. He died on Passion Sunday, the only Sunday of the year which the Church dedicated to the sufferings by which a death overcame death.

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Another daily communicant gone to be with God from Whom he daily sought life. How much Holy Communion meant to him was apparent from his manner in receiving. He always leaned forward eagerly. The earnest fervor of his thanksgiving was another unmistakable sign that the Sacred Presence was felt.

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Daily Communion did not interfere with his boyish interest in life. He worked well at anything that would contribute to his education. Only a few weeks ago he made application for a summer trip to the orient -- planning to make his vacation period count towards his education.

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A solemn Mass of Requiem will be sung for the repose of his soul at 6:15 Tuesday morning. Notre Dame men know what this means, and they will unite their prayers and Holy Communions to the official prayers of the Church. It will mean much for his bereaved family. "May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen."

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