

Sept, 30, 1924.

An Examination of Conscience for the Mission.

Am I a good Notre Dame man? What does the word mean to me? I have ideals for the Notre Dame man, and different men around me live up to those ideals; but in how many ways do I fail to live up to my ideals? How many students, how many priests, how many of my lay professors, would put me down as a real Notre Dame man if they were asked the question point-blank?

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Am I any better than I was last year at this time? Am I any worse? Have I committed more sins this year than last? More serious offences against God, against my neighbor, against myself? Did my ideals grow stronger or weaker during the summer? Have I learned to avoid any dangers? Have I made a fool of myself any time during the past year? How many times?

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Am I a good advertisement for my home training? Do people remark of me, "He certainly had a good mother?" Do girls I meet respect me as a gentleman? Do callous youths tell dirty stories in my presence? How many people suspect that I am a gentleman?

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Am I a leader or a follower? How much leadership have I shown at Notre Dame? How many men have I helped avoid one sin? Two sins? Three sins? A good many sins? How many have I brought to their spiritual senses? Have I let the fellow next to me go on in a spiritual rut? How much ambition have I, and along what lines? How much ambition do I expect to need on my way through the world? Do I expect to profit by the moral victory Al Smith gained last summer?

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How much money have I spent this past year, and for what? How much on the movies? On candy? On flowers? On taxis? On dances? On liquor? Fifteen cents? Thirty cents? Sixty cents? Nine dollars? Sixteen dollars? Thirty-two dollars? Sixty-four dollars? More than that? How much good did I get out of what I spent? Did it raise me in the eyes of my mother? Of my girl? Of my ideal Notre Dame man? How much money have I given to charity during the past year?

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Check the adjectives which you think describe your character: good, bad, weak, strong, unstable, stubborn, crabby, insolent, boorish, noble, practical, sober, sedate, childish, petty, courageous, cowardly, mean, trifling, ugly, morose, unreasonable, affable, gentlemanly, stingy, generous, likeable, happy, foolish, colorless, energetic, christian.

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Prayers are earnestly requested for the repose of the soul of Father Boland, who died Sunday night. For Phil O'Donnell's

sister, who was killed Saturday night. For two students who are very sick. John A. Kelley's father died Monday.

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