

## RELIGIOUS BULLETIN.

March 17, 1925.

### Easter Day.

The Mass for the Easter Duty will be said in the church at 6:25 Thursday morning, the feast of St. Joseph. The usual facilities for Holy Communion after this hour will be afforded: in the basement chapel until 8:15, and after that time in the Sorin Hall chapel.

Off-campus students are especially urged to come to the Mass with the campus students on this one morning of the year. They may never again have the privilege of seeing so many young men receive Holy Communion in a body; and they will find the sight quite a stimulant to their faith.

### Religious Survey.

Send in your blank promptly and you will be sure that you are represented in the next report. A good many of the failures in representation in previous years resulted from procrastination. The new questions were suggested by last year's students. Well answered they will throw a good bit of light on present-day moral problems.

### Lust is not Love.

The fifth point noted in the remote preparation for marriage reads as follows:

"Never confuse either infatuation <sup>or lust with</sup> love. Love implies reverence. A girl who does not command your respect is unworthy of you. Your own self-respect demands that you shun such company; and if you are lacking in self-respect, you are doomed to learn by bitter experience that lust is a usurer who sucks blood even to the grave."

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In the matter of self-respect little need be said. It can hardly be taught; and if it has not been imbibed with your mother's milk you will have to wait for experience, slow-moving but sure, to offer you a substitute for it. In other words, if your mother was a lady you will have self-respect instinctively; if she has not you will have to wait for caution to produce some of the effects of self-respect.

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Don't marry a girl to reform her. Infatuation is likely to lead you into this stupid experiment, but cold reason argues against it. It doesn't work out. And don't run around with young widows, college, grass, or sod. Leave widows to the widowers. They make perfectly good wives, but they make fools out of freshmen---and bigger fools out of seniors.

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While love is essential to marriage, lust is its greatest enemy. Unsatisfied passion leads to many of the physical ills of women, including neurasthenia, irritability, premature loss of beauty, sterility, and insanity; and on the moral side it so degrades her moral sense that she is incapable of instilling virtue into children. Its effect on the man is to make him coarse and licentious (like those who guffawed loudly in the dark at last Saturday's misfit movie) and to incline him to insane jealousy, suspecting in his wife the continuance of the infidelity that marked their courtship. You will never know what it means to a man until he breaks down and weeps and tells you---as so many men will tell a priest---that his life is wrecked because his beastly lack of restraint in courtship has made it impossible for him ever to respect his wife.

"You and Yours", "The Home World" and "Letters on Marriage" will give you the right ideals if you want them; but if you have let lust come into your courtship, you will have to pay the penalty. The restoration of ideals can be brought about by severe penance, which includes the giving up of the occasion of sin; most men are not that fond of penance, however, and they will simply have to pay the penalty by leading a dog's life in marriage.

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**Notice!** The thief who stole a blessed crucifix in the Carroll study hall ~~should~~ <sup>must</sup> bring it around to have it indulgenced for himself. It was ~~blotted for someone else~~, and his retention of it now simply keeps the ~~accursed~~ <sup>curse</sup> on his soul and gives him no benefit whatever.