

RELIGIOUS BULLETIN.

March 26, 1925.

Survey Returns This Year and Last.

	1925	1924
Off-Campus.....	31	42
Freshman.....	74	107
Brownson.....	33	100
Sorin.....	30	38
Carroll.....	50	71
Sophomore.....	36	74
Corby.....	24	54
Walsh.....	45	74
Badin.....	24	73
Graduate.....	4	
Main Building.....		1
	401	644

The figure above is for the first nine days of this year's survey and the first two weeks of last year's. Please send in your questionnaire early. The longer the delay the smaller the chance of your sending it in at all.

The Tone of the Answers.

Only three goofy blanks have been returned, two from Carroll and one from Corby. The vast majority of the answers are exceptionally well done; this is particularly true of the senior returns. As time permits some of these good answers will be printed; just at present there is a clamor from some of the kickers for answers to their objections.

The Case For Reverence.

A freshman writes: "Even though others have stated it on the Bulletin and you have tried to refute their statements, I (and my roommate) think that frequent Communion lessens respect for the Sacrament, makes you become careless, and you lack the devotion that you have when you receive less often. By disrespect I do not mean disrespect for the Sacrament, but that it becomes somewhat of a habit and that you take it as a matter of course. I find that I am inclined to spend too little time in preparation and thanksgiving and am easily distracted. I have hesitated to speak to a priest about this for I am afraid that they can't see it in the same light."

You say that it has made you more careful to avoid sin and made you want to know God better; in other words, that it has produced profitable effects on your intellect and will. On the other hand, you make no daily mortifications and have read no spiritual books. And you certainly don't want to discontinue daily Communion. That is your experience. Now for the experience of others:

On the survey three years ago in answer to the question, "Was frequent Communion lessened your respect for the Blessed Sacrament?" the following replies were given:

No.....	236
Somewhat.....	3
Yes.....	11
It has not increased it...	16

And in answer to "do you fear receiving through routine?"

No.....	117
Yes.....	31
Somewhat.....	9
At times.....	30
Not exactly.....	3

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The Case for Reverence.

Read carefully this statement of a sophomore: "When I first started daily Communion I thought it was wonderful. I was a day-dog then. It was sort of a sacrifice to come up to the campus every morning to receive Communion. I realized the value of it. When I came to the campus I went because it was a habit. I seldom realized that I was receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. But I have found the way to overcome this, and that is by hearing Mass every morning. Isn't there some way of making the fellows realize the value of the Mass as well as Communion?"

And this one from a freshman: "I feel sometimes that I get disrespectful, but I try my best to receive Communion worthily. I find that it stimulates my conscience so that I avoid sin---at least I am aware when occasions of sin present themselves."

In conclusion: please come around for an interview. Your description of your character opens up great possibilities, but you need guidance. (If you are already getting it, you may ignore this invitation.)

On the Pan.

"I wouldn't answer the third question on a bet. I already know that you have formed opinions against certain parts of the country. You'll never be my friend until you correct that weakness." (Only an Easterner could be narrow-minded enough to write like that. The questionnaire has been checked to the credit of the East.)

"I got disgusted with the Bulletin two years ago because of the sarcasm fired at the engineers. I think sarcasm is out of place there. It has caused me as well as many others to forget there is such a Bulletin. If it is confined to a "Religious" Bulletin it will help the readers. It helped me considerably until it became an object of contempt." (That opens up the old wound again. Since the Bulletin is off his reading list, it cannot offer the suggestion that he read the perfectly "proper" Bulletin of Father LeBuff, S.J., which is found at the pamphlet rack in eight little volumes called "My Changeless Friend.")

"The girl of my choice would think some of these questions very foolish." Don't you dare marry that girl. What chance would the poor kids have if both parents were goofy?

"The girl of my choice is too dumb to answer most of these questions." Be careful she's not out-smarting you. The wise mother teaches her daughter to play dumb until she lands her man.

Advice.

"Frequent Communion is a simple thing as far as I am concerned. The trouble is confession. It is my darned pride. I hate to tell a priest the same thing three times in the same week. It looks awfully weak." Move your pride up a notch. Make it self-respect, and you won't have anything to tell.

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"Is it necessary that the mother be able to give them good Catholic training? From some of the examples here it would not seem so."

From statistics it appears that we have at Notre Dame very few sons of non-Catholic mothers; and the fact that they are here seems ground for believing that these exceptional mothers have been able to give them Catholic training. And from long observation it would appear that some Catholic mothers are not able to give good Catholic training; at least it doesn't take at times.

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