

Religious Bulletin
January 16, 1926

God's Mission. V.

For the past eighty-four years the University of Notre Dame has been dedicated to the principle, "What shall it profit a man to gain the whole world, if he suffer the loss of his own soul." For the past two thousand years the Catholic Church, in obedience to the command of her Divine Founder, has devoted her energies to the teaching of this principle.

This year the University declared a Eucharistic Year, in preparation for the Eucharistic Congress next June in Chicago, and in thanksgiving for the benefits that have come to the University through devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

The point was driven home in the annual Mission, which the University holds at the beginning of each year for the purpose of impressing this lesson upon her students, reminding them why they are here.

But the lesson of the University, the lesson of the Catholic Church, the sum and substance of the teaching of Christ, mean nothing to people when they do not think; and there are among us many heedless kids who do not think.

The devil, always active where God is much loved, has been especially active at Notre Dame this year. He has used countless snares to draw away young men who have dedicated themselves to the Woman who crushed his head.

God, in His loving Providence, has also been active. Boundless graces have been bestowed this year upon those who have opened their hearts to His love, and His worship has advanced in many ways; and when heedless kids have failed to hear His loving invitation, "Come to Me," He has spoken with the most fearsome of His warnings, the death of a fellow-student.

Five times He has spoken, and there are still those who do not heed. During the Church Unity Octave, which begins next Monday, we will pray for them, that they may hear His voice, and that there may be one fold and One Shepherd.

Thought for today: "Today if you will hear His voice, harden not your heart."

Reading: Newman, Neglect of Divine Calls and Warnings. (At the pamphlet rack.)

Prayers.

Edward Hagerty has been called home by the grave illness of his father. Clayton Leroux asks prayers for the repose of the soul of his grandfather, who died during the holidays. Prayers are requested for a special intention.

The Spiritual Bouquet.

Your attention is invited to yesterday's Religious Bulletin, which contains a spiritual bouquet for the repose of the soul of Jack Spillane. His classmates, the seniors, are especially urged to be generous in their offerings.

For Father Finner.

Dear Father: Inclose a dollar for Fr. Finner. My intention is worth ten dollars to the Missions if it comes through. --X."

The collection in the Masses tomorrow is for the general needs of the Bengal Mission.

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Absent, But Accounted For.....

Of the Catholic students in Sorin Hall, sixty-nine received Holy Communion this morning for the repose of the soul of Jack Spillane--- sixty of them during the Mass, three in the basement chapel before seven o'clock, six in the basement chapel after seven o'clock. This was a good showing.

Forty-five students in Sorin Hall did not receive Holy Communion here this morning. Those who were absent have been away from Holy Communion varying lengths of time. The following table shows how long they have been away:

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| Less than a week..... | 10 |
| A week to a month..... | 16 |
| One to three months..... | 12 |
| Six to twelve months..... | 2 |
| More than twelve months..... | 2 |

The other three who did not receive Holy Communion here this morning were absent from the University with leave.

Two students, members of the Senior Class, have died this year. The first one was unconscious when the priest reached him; the second one was apparently dead. Both received the Sacraments conditionally.

It would seem to pay for soldiers to be always prepared.

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(The spiritual weapon is killing, fast. And a soldier is in it needed.)