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Easter Duty.

Save your own soul by saving the other fellow's. Bring a friend along to the Sacra ments tomorrow morning. And go to confession this evening. There are physical limitations to the possibilities in the morning. The Mass is at 6:20.

The Mothers God Has Taken.

Don't forget to offer Holy Communion Friday morning for the dedeased mothers of Notre Dame men.

Questions From the Survey.

- 15. Is the present generation as clean of heart as the past? If not, why?

 Ans. Where virtue exists in the present generation, it exists under very trying circumstances. St. Paul says, speaking of matters of common discussion in newspapers, books, magazines, plays, and the like at the present time, that they should not so much as be mentioned among Christians. Few people tried to justify vice a generation ago; the philosophies introduced of late have glorified vice. It used to be that you had to study a foreign language to read a filthy book; stinking villifications of womenhood and decent manhood now appear as American best sellers.
- 16. How many times a week must a persons receive Holy Communion to be classed as a frequent communicant?
- Ans. Theologians call frequent communicants those who receive oftener than once a week. In the Religious Survey weekly Communion is classed as frequent.
- 17. What is an impure thought and when is it sinful?
 Ans. The leaflet, Temptation is Not Sin, explains this matter fully.
- 18. How can I be as good next summer as I am now?
- Ans. By learning to think before acting. St. John says: "In all things remember thy last end and thou shalt never sin." Learn to meditate. Make a Novena for Perseverance. If you cannot continue daily Communion at home, at least use the little booklet by St. Alphonsus, Visits to the Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Virgin (for every day of the month). Read Neglect of Divine Calls and Warnings once a month.
- 19. Is it giving scandal to offer cigarettes to a girl of experience before others in a free cabaret?
- Ans. It is certainly not more scandal than taking a girl of experience to a cabaret. Notre Dame means "Our Lady". The Blessed Mother of God is our ideal.
- 20. Is it a mortal sin to marry a girl for her money? to marry with an agreement to have no children?
- Ans. 1. It is if it gravely imperils your material or spiritual welfare. It certain is if money is the sole object: it is not only a sin, but a desecration of a Sacrament. 2. It is not only a sin, but it is no marriage. God's primary purpose in instituting the marriage was the propagation of the human race, and if there is a prenuptial agreement to frustrate this, there is no marriage.
- 21. The Church needs lay leaders. This is impossible, for all the better young minds are urged to join the priesthood. Explain, please.
- Ans. Time and again the Bulletin has told you that Notre Dame's chief purpose is to train strong Catholic lay leaders. At the rack in the pasement chapel you will find a leaflet on the Lay Apostolate put out by the Congregation of Holy Cross. No one is urged to become a priest unless he has a natural preference for it. But understand this: the real leaders of the Church will always be the clergy, and don't begrudge God the good minds He wants for this work.

Prayers.

Pive students recommend sick friends, and the Prefect of Religion asks a remembrance