

RELIGIOUS BULLETIN  
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Seen in Oak Park.

Sign reading: "Don't park on railroad tracks."

Mark Your Calendar.

Use the Eucharistic Calendar (with or without war tax of ten cents) as a record of your devotion. It helps one to see the opportunities he has missed.

Mass for George O'Leary.

Tomorrow morning at 6:20 in the church there will be a Requiem Mass for the repose of the souls of George O'Leary, Buddie Gorman, and the other Notre Dame boys who met accidental death during the summer. Three of them were victims of automobile accidents; Buddie was drowned.

Edifying details of the deaths of two of these boys have reached us. Buddie had received Holy Communion three times within the week preceding his death -- and he was at a summer resort. One ~~of~~ the previous day he had commemorated the first anniversary of the death of his mother. He was drowned trying to save a woman from drowning. It was just the kind of thing Buddie would do: he was a splendid, cheerful, thoughtful boy, who loved God and his neighbor.

George O'Leary lived ten days after his accident. He had received Holy Communion the day he left school (as he usually did every day), and received again at two o'clock in the morning when the priest reached him in the University Hospital at Ann Arbor. He was told that it was the feast of the Sacred Heart, and he said: "That's right. I haven't a thing to kick about when I think of all Our Lord suffered." His own sufferings were intense, but he offered them up like Jimmy Powers for the Poor Souls and the conversion of sinners. He was conscious or semi-conscious until two days before his death, and he always remained as cheerful as he was habitually on the campus. He was an active, lovable, generous boy -- the kind of boy God loves. We need not wonder that He took him.

You will want to offer Holy Communion for these boys during the Mass tomorrow. Although confessions will be heard during the Mass, you should try to go to confession this evening, as only a limited number can be accommodated during the Mass. There will be confessors in all the halls (including Lyons and Morrissey) at 7:30 this evening.

More Prayers.

Through an oversight, mention was omitted yesterday of the death of Mr. Thomas F. Farrell, Sr., father of Tom, who graduated in June. Mr. Farrell was killed in a train wreck on the way home from the Notre Dame Commencement. His kindly disposition showed itself in heroic degree in his last moments: when the doctors came to take care of them he sent them away to look after some women, saying, "You can help them, but no doctor can help me now." Tom will appreciate your prayers.

Francis Branson, another graduate of last June, is undergoing a dangerous operation. His father, a recent convert, asks urgent prayers for Frank's recovery. Alan Moore, a sophomore (of Howard Hall last year), has been called home by the illness of his mother, whose recovery is doubtful. Three other students ask prayers for relatives who are ill.