

Novena for a Happy Marriage.

This popular Novena starts Friday and ends on Saturday of the following week, the feast of St. Joseph. The Litany of St. Joseph should accompany your Holy Communion each day. And there should be some notable sacrifice on your part: there is no love without sacrifice, and it is mockery to ask God to bless your selfishness, if that is what you have in mind in marriage.

Ember Days.

Today, Friday and Saturday are Ember Days. Off the campus no meat is allowed on these three days.

Five O'Clock and Seven-Thirty.

The Wednesday evening Lenten devotions begin today. The five o'clock services are for off-campus freshmen, and the students of Brownson, Carroll, Sophomore, Freshman and Howard Halls. The other halls and the off-campus upperclass men attend the 7:30 exercises. At both times Father Schumacher will preach on Sin.

When Devotion Lags.

Several students have been in lately to propose omitting Holy Communion on days when devotion lags. While that may help sensible fervor, it does not account for the grace that would be received on those days. Better far is it to examine your conscience to see wherein you fail -- lack of preparation or thanksgiving, neglect of mortification or of spiritual reading, neglect of Mass as the proper setting for Holy Communion and so forth. Correct what you find wanting, and then follow this plan: on such days offer Holy Communion for sinners in mortal sin who are to die that day. You will hate to feel that as a result of your apathy some poor will be lost eternally.

The State of Grace.

Within the past few days four students have narrowly escaped accidental death. Two of them were very well prepared: they were returning from confession. The other two were not in condition to make an Act of Contrition. Write your own commentary.

A Long Sermon.

The sermon at the eight o'clock Mass at the Infirmary next Sunday morning will last one hour. And on the following Sunday the Sisters will find room in the pews and will not have to kneel out in the corridor while husky he-men occupy the benches.

Liars Have No Chance.

Any student detected in a lie will not be invited by the Prefect of Religion to attend the Sacraments -- is free from persecution, in other words. The reason is the danger of sacrilege. This does not mean that all those who are free from persecution are rated as liars. Many students escape notice, either through their own ingenuity in hiding their heads, or through lack of alertness on the part of the Prefect of Religion. Others are passed by because it is felt that they are passing through their period of self-sufficiency, during which it is a waste of time to speak to them of religion. Liars are few -- but one can always find some. They can get straightened out if they wish -- but on their own initiative.

Prayers.

Three special intentions and two persons who are ill.