
Prayers.

James T. Connors, of Morrissey Hall, lost his father Friday; and the father of George McLaughlin, of Walsh Hall, died Saturday. Frank Branson, formerly of Corby Hall, is undergoing a dangerous operation at the Mayos; Gerard Lopez, who returned to Mexico last year to recuperate after a strenuous operation, has hopes of returning to school again, although he must undergo another operation before that time; Jack Brennan, of Corby Hall, asks prayers for his grandfather who is to undergo an operation. John Nelson has received word that a relative of his is dying. Five special intentions are recommended.

Special prayers should aid the Bishop's Novena for Vocations. God may not have called you to the priesthood or the religious life, but He must call some one if the work is to continue. You think enough of religious education to seek it; you should know that it is sorely handicapped in this country (where it is more widely diffused than in any other country) by lack of personnel. You want your parish to be supplied with enough priests to take care of your spiritual wants through life and in death; and you have little idea of what the future may hold for you. Notre Dame men have gone to strange places; they have died in strange corners of the earth. Our Lord has told us what to do: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He send forth laborers into the harvest." This Novena should have your best prayers and works of sacrifice.

Dangers to Navigation.

Swimmers who are trying the lake should be careful where they dive. On either side of the pier at the boat house there are submerged stakes, placed there last year for guide ropes, covered since that time by the rising water. They will be removed, but in the mean time ambitious divers should avoid diving in their direction.

Easter Duty.

Three days remain for preparation for the Easter Duty. The grace of a good confession is a special grace for the sinner, and those who are basking in the sunlight of God's grace in daily Communion should not fail to offer earnest prayer between now and Friday that those who find this task difficult will not lose heart.

Questions From the Questionnaire.

6. "What can I do to help a fellow who is full of pool room philosophy and has base ideas of marriage, and the like?"
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Pray. If you had authority to send him up the Maine woods to get the soot out of his system it might do some good, but anyone who can go to school under the statue of the Blessed Virgin and hold on to such views is below the sense of shame. He certainly can't have any respect for his mother if that is his attitude of mind, and when a fellow loses respect for his mother nothing short of a miracle can give him sense.

7. "Why do frequent communicants often lead a worldly life?"
Any who do are not yet out of the woods spiritually. Love of God excludes love of the world; love of the world excludes love of God. Only the immature try to cling to both. Conversion is a turning of the heart to God. One who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is not worthy of Christ. A sinner may slip through weakness now and then, but if he holds to worldly ideals he has not turned his heart to God.
8. "Why is it that Catholic High School students make such poor Catholics at Notre Dame? They don't. Statistics from several Surveys show that as a rule they are better Catholics than their less fortunate classmates who have come from public schools. Those who fall away may give "too much religion" as their excuse. When one wants to sin one excuse is as good as another.