

Religious Bulletin  
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Seasonal Contrition.

Does contrition really have seasons? Some of these jelly-fish Catholics imply that it does when they go to the Sacraments at Christmas and Easter and will tell you when you suggest that they go other times that they can't have sorrow for their sins. It may be that they really believe what they say; if they do they are powerfully simple.

The Team Asks Prayers.

The last request of the football team before leaving for the Navy game was a remembrance in your prayers and in your Holy Communion tomorrow. The team is doing its share for the spread of the Faith and for the edification of Catholics. Last Sunday the preacher in the Detroit Cathedral interrupted his sermon dramatically to tell the congregation the lukewarm among his hearers should have been present Saturday morning to witness what he witnessed -- the members of the Notre Dame football team on their knees at Mass and Holy Communion before the game. He commented that not in a long time had he been so edified and thrilled. And there may have been among the less devout worshippers at the seven and eighty-three Masses last Sunday who observed that most of the members of the team were at Holy Communion on their return from Detroit.

The rosary devotions at five today and at twelve-thirty tomorrow can be offered for the team, and you can give the boys a remembrance in your Holy Communion tomorrow. We want no injuries, and we want Notre Dame football to develop the manly virtues for which it has been famous in the past.

Provisions were made in advance for the team to receive Holy Communion at nine o'clock this morning upon arrival at Holy Cross College, Brookland, D.C.; tomorrow morning at a private Mass at the Gibson Island Country Club; and on Sunday morning in the Cathedral at Cleveland.

Use The Missal.

The Missal is the book used by the priest in saying Mass. One hundred copies of a new Daily Missal, in Latin and English, have been received and are placed at your disposal at the pamphlet rack in Sorin Hall. Don't worry about the cost; if you want one, take it.

It is only through the use of the Missal that one can realize the true beauty of the Mass. Something can be gained by the study of the prayers of the Ordinary of the Mass, as given in your pocket prayer book, but the full significance comes when one follows the liturgy through the calendar of Saints and the seasons of the ecclesiastical year.

An Invitation to the S.A.C.

It is a month early, but since you never can tell what will happen when someone takes a notion, it is the part of prudence to be early. You are hereby invited to make use of Sacred Heart Church for a reception to the football team on the return from the Army game, in case the return is in the morning, as it has been for a few years past. The spiritual reception could take the form of a Mass and Communion for the team; the crowd could yell itself hoarse afterwards on the quadrangle, which offers a more proper setting than the Oliver Hotel for a local event.

The acceptance of this plan will lessen the danger of pneumonia (in case of bad weather it will facilitate breakfast, and it will keep religion in first place, where it belongs in a Catholic school.