
Early Mass and Holy Communion.

There have been several inquiries about early distribution of Holy Communion tomorrow, but no needs were exposed that could not be met by the facilities offered daily. If there are any such, make them known. The daily facilities are:

Sorin Hall: 5:30 till 12:00 - Confessions and Holy Communion, with Masses at 5:30, 6:00 and 6:30.

Basement chapel - 6:00 - 7:00 - Confessions and Holy Communion, with Masses at 6:00 and 6:25.

Hall chapels: Mass and Holy Communion at 6:20, with usually an earlier Mass.

And now, to make the matter plainer if possible, if you wish to receive Holy Communion tomorrow morning before 5:30, leave your request today with the Prefect of Religion at his office, 141 Sorin Hall.

Prayers.

Bill Reid, of the class of 1926, wires that his mother has died. Frank Curran, Jim Mannery and Bill Cronin (of Freshman Hall) have lost relatives recently. Ray Thibodeau asks prayers for a relative who is ill. There are five recommendations of special intentions. Earl O'Brien's sister has just had a serious operation.

Selfishness.

Selfishness is so fundamental and deep-rooted a defect that it seems preposterous to treat of it in any thing less than a whole series of Bulletins, but now and then an incident or group of incidents will come along to remind us of the need of being on the watch for it. Selfishness takes all the pep out of the spiritual life and is the biggest cause of the negative Catholicity one finds here so often.

A boy came in the other evening and handed in three dollars "for whatever charity needs it most." It represented his fare to Chicago for the game. He wasn't going, possibly because he hadn't the additional money necessary for the trip, as he is not overly endowed with wealth; he is working his way through school. This boy manages to get in on every charity -- financially and with prayers -- and you may be sure that most of his Communion are offered for others than himself. You may also be sure that he had a happy Thanksgiving Day.

Another lad came in later who was having plenty of woe. He had spent quite a bit of money on himself this fall, and quite a bit on his friends, whom he had tried hard to please. He had earned the money honestly, by industry. We can't recall seeing him at the altar rail when Frank Gallagher was sick or when he died, and we have no distinct recollection of any donations for any of the charities conducted by the Bulletin. He is a very good boy, never doing anyone any harm. He had woe because he was misunderstood and mistrusted by those who had every reason to trust him and be appreciative of his efforts in their behalf.

We have grief and heartaches when we leave our feelings exposed. When our vanity is all set for a fine bit of appreciation a slight wounds us deeply; if we never look for appreciation we are apt never to nitpick a slight. If we work for those who can do us good, we get our reward in this life; if we work for God and God's little ones, the poor and the sick and the helpless, we get our reward in the next.

It is absolutely nothing but selfishness that keeps men away from the sacraments. They have sinned through selfishness in the first place -- if their sin is only the negative selfishness of sloth; love of self then keeps them from the reconciliation with God that comes of humble submission to a priest.