
Don't Make The Novēna.

for yourself if you don't want to, but make it for this cussed country of ours, which is going straight to Hell through impurity. Recent events have very much the stench of H2S about them. Husbands and wives are exchanging wives and husbands, fathers and mothers give their daughters in concubinage..... The lid of Hell is off. This land is dedicated officially to the Immaculate Conception, to the Woman who crushed the head of the serpent; it is no wonder then that the devil seeks to mock us and lose us through the vice opposed to her purity.

Which Novena? The Novena for Purity, in honor of the Immaculate Conception, began today. Through the nine days you should receive Holy Communion and recite the Litany of the Blessed Virgin daily.

Where Did You Attend Mass?

Our thousands of students were not much in evidence Sunday morning. At the five o'clock Mass in the basement chapel there were 35; at the 5:15 in Sorin, 12; at the 6:00 in the church, 26; at the 7:00, 128; at the 8:30 in the church, 236; at an eight o'clock Mass in Sorin, 11; at the 10:15 parish Mass, 119. That makes a total of 567. Did the rest of the two thousand or so campus students remain in Chicago?

Wait a Minute.

They tell a story of an old priest who was called upon to marry one of his parishioners who had been a member of the Young Ladies Sodality for a silver jubilee period. At the practice the night before the wedding he was particular to tell them to be on hand promptly at eight the next morning. They were there, but he was not. They waited a spell, and finally one of the party asked the sexton to call His Reverence. He was obliging about it, and knocked on the priest's door. "What is it?" he called. "It's Anabelle Hogan and her man waiting in the church since eight o'clock to get married." "You go back and tell Anabelle that I've been waitin' twenty years for her, and she can't kick on waitin' twenty minutes for me."

Saturday morning at about eight-thirty a small group of boys came to the Sorin chapel. There was no priest in the chapel at the moment, and after a wait of three minutes they sauntered down to the street car. They could afford to miss Holy Communion, but they couldn't afford even to take a chance on losing a half hour in Chicago. -- They probably consoled themselves that they made an effort to go.

K. of C. Mass.

The annual Mass for the repose of the souls of the deceased members of the local council of the Knights of Columbus will take place tomorrow morning at 6:20 in the Church. It is the feast of St. Andrew, an Apostle, so the Mass cannot be said in black vestments. The members who wish to receive Communion at the Mass should go to confession tonight.

First Friday.

If history repeats itself, the crowd for confession on the morning of the First Friday this week will be entirely too large. It is a wise plan, especially for off-campus students, to go to confession before Friday morning. And for the rest of the month of December the Prefect of Religion will have no peace, as those who have not attended the Sacraments since September will find their consciences bothering them tremendously, and will all try to get to confession at approximately the same time. Got in early or you take a chance on getting stung.