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Ember Days and the New Privilege.

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of this week are Ember Days.

The old privilege which permitted the use of meat three times a day on the campus on days of abstinence has been revoked.

The new privilege granted by the Bishop of Fort Wayne to the Faculty and students of the University permits the use of meat once a day on abstinence days, with the following exceptions:

- 1. All Fridays of the year;
- 2. The Vigil of Christmas:
- 3. The morning of the Vigil of Easter;
- 4. Ash Wednesday and the Wednesday of Holy Week.

On these days no meat is allowed.

The new privilege is <u>personal</u>; it can be used wherever you are, and applies to off-campus as well as campus meals. The old privilege was <u>local</u>; it applied to the campus and affected all meals taken here, by visitors as well as students.

The old privilege is gone. The new one is now in force.

On Wednesday and Saturday of this week you may have meat at only one meal.

Questions On Confession.

- 1. How often should a daily communicant go to confession?

 Ans. Every week or two is advisable. If he has no sins to confess for the present he may confess a sin from his past life and receive absolution. It would be wrong to abolish the Sacrament of Penance, which has its own particular graces, along them the making up of temporal punishment still due to past sin, and the grace to overcome future temptations.
- 2. Why does the priest ask you to mention a sin from your past life?

 Ans. Not to investigate your past, but to make sure that there is matter for absolution. The things you tell may be only temptations; it saves him the time he would use in investigating if you give him certain matter from your past life; it can be absolved over and over again.
- 3. What circumstances must be confessed? Ans. Only such as change the nature of a sin; a venial sin to a mortal, for example, or two or more mortal sins where there might otherwise be only one. Stealing is a sin against the virtue of honesty; stealing from a church is a sin against the virtue of religion as well.

The Monday Night Conference.

Father Charles O'Donnell, Assistant Superior General, will take the place of Father Donahue in the spiritual conference tonight in the library (south basement) at 7:00. Those who are passing up these conferences are missing a great treat.

Prayers.

Wm. Jane underwent an operation Saturday. Albion Griffin was called home by the death of his sister. Robert Bannon, Edw. Tully, and Gerali O'Connor ask prayers for their fathers who are ill. Three deceased persons and three who are ill are recommended to your prayers.