
How To Show Your Ignorance.

Although the devices of stupidity are countless, there seem to be certain approved forms of showing one's ignorance while at home on vacation, and freshmen should be instructed in these and urged to stick to them so that they will not appear more dumb than upperclassmen -- which is dumb enough, goodness knows.

First in honor, if not in importance, come your parents. Be as ignorant as possible with them; show them that they are getting their money's worth. Go home only when every place else is closed, and while you are home make them wish you were anyplace else. Tell them what allowance Willie Woofus gets; it will make them ashamed of themselves. If they crab about your monopolizing the car, remind them with a whine that they have the use of it all the time you are away. Steal their liquor for your parties, and crab their act when they try to show you off before company.

Don't give your girl a pair of beads for Christmas; she will think you are trying to make a nun out of her. Give her a pint flask adorned with a Notre Dame monogram. That's about the most ignorant (not to say blasphemous) thing you can do. And by all means bring her up to all your new standards. Never having heard of the statue on the Dome she will expect you to be collegiate; don't fail her.

Your opportunities for coming late to Mass are curtailed by the fact that the Sundays are absorbed by the holy days -- but do your best with what you've got. Trail your coonskin down the middle aisle at the Sanctus; high-hat the pastor if he gives you a glare. Show the lowbrow congregation that you have broadened a bit. If the folks insist that you call on the pastor, just leave your card. That will save you time and save him the embarrassment of trying to keep up with your conversation.

Above all, don't let the fraternity boys outdo you in wickedness, real or feigned. Tell bigger lies and dirtier stories, and be ever so much more profane. It takes a fallen angel to make a devil, and people expect more wickedness from a boy from Notre Dame who is not a Notre Dame man than they do from a State College yokel.

And now that the instructions are given, the vast majority of you will go home and be your decent selves, as you have in the past, giving your mothers the feeling that you are the boys they think you are. And let us hope and pray that the obstinate strain in the little minority will have its usual effect of making them do the opposite of what you tell them to do -- which in this case would be a blessing from God!

Spiritual Bouquet Cards.

These are in the alcove outside of room 141 Sorin. They are not moving so fast. They are free. Fill one out for the folks.

The Immaculate Conception.

This picture, issued as a Bulletin on December 8, is still available. The copies are to be found alongside the Spiritual Bouquet cards mentioned above.

Prayers.

Three special intentions -- urgent.

Shop Early.

This is a fair and final warning to those who have yet to approach the Sacraments. Hurry or you may lose out. The string of penitents is very long these days.