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You Can't Get Away With a Thing.

You have often been told that as long as you are associated with Notre Dame you cease to be private individuals. Your conduct, good or bad, reflects upon your school. A case in point is a letter from a Bishop who has been about the East a bit lately. He says in part:

"Every now and then I hear fine things about Notre Dame. For instance, a lady told me that while she was in Philadelphia recently she dropped in at St. John's. She mentioned to a friend that she had seen a group of young fellows going to Holy Communion, rather late in the morning and outside of Mass. She learned that they were Notre Dame boys, in Philadelphia for a game with the University of Pennsylvania team.

"Last Friday in Pittsburgh Bishop Boyle called my attention to a group of young chaps in the cathedral, who he thought were Notre Dame students. -- A friend of mine who is very discerning has spoken to me about the addresses he has heard Notre Dame men give at luncheons, etc., in Philadelphia. He described one in particular made by Oberst, the coach of the Catholic Boys' High School. Oberst was answering the question, the secret of Notre Dame's spirit. He gave various reasons, and then, in a simple, but singularly eloquent way, he said the real cause is the one raised on high and looking down on Notre Dame -- Our Blessed Lady."

Praise be to God, reports of this nature are much commoner than adverse reports, but always remember that bad news travels faster than good.

Confession Today.

Tomorrow and on all the Sundays of Lent there will be danger of choking up the line at the confessionals. The reasonable thing to do is to go to confession today. Off-campus it is imperative that thoughtful students make way for the thoughtless. There are only two confessionals at St. Joseph's Church. Certainly not more than one hundred confessions can be heard during the eight o'clock Mass there. Those who go frequently should go today if they feel need of confession, and leave the opportunity during Mass for those whose devotion stirs but seldom.

Confessions are heard all day in the Sorin chapel, and from 6:15 till 7:00 in the basement of the church.

Various Opportunities.

For Holy Communion before the eight o'clock breakfast there are various opportunities, some of which are still unknown to many students. Here they are:

1. Six o'clock Mass in the church.
2. Seven o'clock Mass. The doors are locked at the Epistle.
3. Basement chapel after the doors are locked.
4. From the Communion of the Mass the doors are unlocked to admit those who wish to receive before breakfast. Holy Communion is then distributed in the church (not the Sorin chapel) until 8:20.

And while we are speaking of the distribution of Holy Communion in church it might be well to call your attention to the disorder. Wholesome disorder is inspiring, as it is indicative of an individual yearning of the soul for God, to the exclusion of every other thought; much of this is lacking in organized sodality reception of the Sacrament. But such disorder as prevailed last Wednesday tends to the riotous, and need not be. We don't want to establish files to and from the rail, but those approaching should make room for those who come back with Our Blessed Lord in their breasts. Adore Christ in each communicant who passes you on the way back.