

Religious Bulletin

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Your Last Month At Notre Dame.

For at least seven hundred students this will be the last month at Notre Dame; for a good many it will be the last time they will ever see the place.

Do some thinking! Are you better than when you came here? If not, you are worse. And if you are worse than when you came, you are very likely worse than you would have been had you attended a State University, because you have had an opportunity to resist more graces here, and every grace resisted is a step downward in the spiritual life.

If you need spiritual attention, get it now, before your chance passes. For the last forty hours before Commencement last June, confessions were heard almost continuously, and there must have been many who missed a chance to go before they left. And history certainly repeats itself at Notre Dame!

The Whole School Next Sunday.

Yesterday your attention was called to the fact that all over the United States pastors are reporting that on Mothers' Day the number of Holy Communions equals or exceeds the number on the two great feasts of Easter and Christmas. That shows what people generally think of their mothers. If you have the proper regard for your mother you are now making the Novena for her intentions or for the repose of her soul. And if you are not doing that, at the very least you will offer Holy Communion for her next Sunday. You will certainly feel cheap if you see the rest of the school at the rail and you are the only one holding back; so if you have an obstacle to Holy Communion on your conscience now, get it off before the Mass next Sunday.

Seniors should see to it that the young ladies they escort next Sunday have an opportunity to remember their mothers in Catholic fashion. It is a truism that a girl who is not a dutiful daughter will not be dutiful wife. "Honor thy father and mother" carried with it a promise -- "that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth."

Prayers.

Clement Powers asks prayers for his mother who is ill. A wire from Francisco Canseco, who finished his pre-medical work at Notre Dame a year ago, states that his father died last Wednesday. Father Moss, of the Grand Rapids diocese, an old friend of the University, will be buried today at Saginaw. Three special intentions are recommended.

Questions.

73. How should one state sins in confession?

Ans. The confession should be entire, clear, and sincere; that is, the penitent should tell all his sins, with the number and such circumstances as change their nature, with neither boasting nor deceit. All mortal sins must be told; venial sins need not be. If a person is in doubt about how to confess a sin he should tell the confessor so, and he will help him.

74. What should a person do if he can't tell whether to be a priest or not?

Ans. Keep on praying and consult a priest. If he is still in doubt, he sets wisely by trying out the vocation in a seminary; if he finds then that he is unsuited for the life, he will never regret in later life that he didn't give God a chance.

75. How can you shake a girl you have been engaged to and who still clings to you?

Ans. Can she cook? Take your roommate around to the house.