

The Peak Thursday.

Present indications are that on Thursday of this week the number of Holy Communions for the year will pass the 300,000 mark. The figures for the first 19 days of May are:

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1405	1360	1366	1573	1374
1606	1343	1386	1317	1258	1237	1200
1511	1219	1253	1222	1363	1164	1225

And while we are speaking of statistics it might be interesting to note the development of the tendency to daily Communion this year. Month by month the increase over last year's figures is as follows (the increase given is for the daily average):

September.....	63	February.....	288
October.....	107	March.....	299
November.....	80	April.....	124
December.....	114	May.....	218
January.....	146		

The increase in student attendance this year is approximately 300. It would seem, then, that daily Communion has lost none of its popularity at Notre Dame.

Questionnaires.

A trip about the campus Sunday afternoon netted twenty-two questionnaires. We are still eight short of the number proposed for this year's report. Please let this be the last request for your cooperation.

Questions.

110. Is it a sin to let the Sacred Host touch the teeth?

Ans. No. The Host should be swallowed without precipitation and without delay -- reasonably and respectfully. That is all.

111. Why is it that there are more good-looking non-Catholic than Catholic girls?

Ans. If that's true it must be because the Catholic girls have so many prayers to say that they can't take proper care of their looks. Write to the Pope about it.

112. Is the Church in favor of capital punishment or does she forbid it?

Ans. God Himself prescribed many such punishments in the Old Testament.

113. God wants to save us yet He gives us our will and puts temptations before us.

Ans. Without free will we could not merit, and merit gives great happiness. God does not cause temptations; when He permits them it is for our own good. Character is developed and heaven is gained by fighting temptation.

114. Why did the Church change from Saturday to Sunday as a day of rest?

Ans. The creation began on the first day of the week; the Resurrection took place on Sunday; the Holy Ghost descended upon the Apostles on Sunday. Retaining the same day of worship as the Jews brought conflicts of various kinds, so the Apostles changed the day of worship to the day on which were commemorated the principal works of the Three Persons of the Blessed Trinity.

115. Is it sinful for a Catholic to attend Protestant services?

Ans. Taking part in such services is formal heresy; attendance constitutes scandal. Social observance may require your attendance on the occasion of a wedding or funeral; there is no danger of scandal in such cases if your attendance is understood to be merely a mark of respect.

MYERS: A relative of Fr. Haggerty died Friday; Bob Kirby's father is very ill.