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It Seems a Shame to See Freshmen So Dumb.

It seems a shame that with all the signs plastered over the campus, the announcements in the church, and the specific directions on the Calendar, so many freshmen will walk straight from Brownson Hall and Carroll to the dining hall without dropping into either the basement chapel or Sorin Hall to receive Holy Communion. They have been around here two weeks now without finding out what's going on.

And there's a crowd of freshmen living off-campus just as dumb. Scads of them come to the campus for breakfast, but few come to the Sorin chapel on their way to breakfast. Yesterday, a typical day, of 168 students who received Holy Communion in the Sorin chapel, only twenty-five were off-campus freshmen. It takes them a long time to find out things. There are 240 Catholic freshmen down town. The dumb racket is played by 215 of them.

The number of Holy Communion these days is approximately 1700.

For Deceased Students.

The Mission Mass this morning was offered for the repose of the soul of Dick Harrington; the Masses tomorrow and Saturday will be offered for Boniface Conway and James Powers, respectively. The High Mass last Sunday was offered for the repose of the soul of Eugene Kelly, of Denver, who died December 26 last year.

Pray For No Deaths This Year.

The principal intention for the Rosary Devotions the first nine days of October will be the health and safety of our students. Four years ago we were singularly blessed in that not one student died. We had made a fervent Novena for that purpose at the opening of school. In the succeeding years calls for such prayers received little heed, and death took a heavy toll. Let us see what this year will bring. During those nine days try to receive Holy Communion and say the beads for the general intention announced. There are less important things you often pray for.

Prayers for the Team.

"Friday and Saturday for the Team" has been a sort of watch-word at Notre Dame for some time past. Everyone knows that football is a risky game. The men who play it have their own compensations, not the least of which is the character development that comes of it so usually at Notre Dame. But there is serious risk, nevertheless, and it is undergone cheerfully for the honor of the school and the entertainment of the hundreds of thousands of fans who pack the stadiums each fall.

Last year the Notre Dame regulars were singularly protected. They went through the whole season without a single broken bone. This year the boys are starting out with a few ugly joints. Prayers can help the team.

"Friday and Saturday for the Team" means that you owe the players a remembrance in your prayers and Holy Communion on those two days. Tomorrow you start.

The Papal Blessing.

The plenary indulgence that goes with the Mission is conferred with the Papal Blessing, which is given at the end of the Mass Saturday morning. You must receive the Sacraments at least once during the Mission to gain this indulgence. The time is growing short. If you have not yet made your confession, go tonight, to forestall any slip that may prevent your going on the last night of the Mission.