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Easter Duty Begins Tomorrow.

The first chance to make your Easter Duty this year comes tomorrow. The season lasts from the first Sunday in Lent till Trinity Sunday, which is fifty-seven days after Easter. If you are of the once-a-year variety, better get it in now. Play safe.

Novena For Vocations.

This Novena begins tomorrow. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He send forth laborers into the harvest;" and pray that you will know how best to fulfill the Will of God in your regard. During the nine days reflect on these points:

- 1. "Four out of five have it." What? Error. Only twenty per cent of the inhabitants of the United States are Catholics, and only Catholics, of course, have the whole truth revealed by God and preserved intact by His infallible agent, the Church. If every Catholic in the United States were to convert four non-Catholics, the truth would soon be universally known. Whether as layman or priest you have your duty in this regard.
- 2. "Faith is a gift, and it comes in answer to prayer." The recent Church Unity Octave ended January 25; five baptisms have been reported since that time, four of them of persons whose names were handed in and placed on the altar, the fifth of a student's father who was recommended to your prayers. Read pages 44 ff. and 109 ff. of the new Religious Survey.
- 3. "If I can't go I can send a representative." Why can't we raise a thousand dollars in nine days through Lenten sacrifice and send the money to Fr. Mangan for his Seminary for Natives in Bengal? We raised that much in ten days two years ago, and enabled Fr. Finner to take the Faith into a city of 50,000 in which there was not so much as a crucifix. The collection at all the Masses tomorrow will be for this intention, and the fund will be left open throughout the Novena. The native clergy are aways the leaven for the conversion of any nation.
- 4. "The three vows relieve a man of his three chief worries." If you are thinking of the religious life, look forward to the vows as a blessing, not a burden. A man's three principal worries are a job, a wife, and another boss. The vow of poverty gives him a job and a living; the vow of chastity takes away all prospect of domestic inflicity; the vow of obedience gives him a boss who is God's representative for him, and who relieves him of all responsibility for results provided his effort is honest.

The Notre Dame Indulgence Tomorrow.

What we call the Notre Dame Indulgence is a special favor of the Holy Father which grant to all students and professors of the University a Plenary Indulgence on condition that they receive Holy Communion on the Third Sunday of the month and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. This special concession was granted in recognition of your devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. Show appreciation by using it.

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Holy Communions in the Basement Chapel this Lent are just fifty a day below last year'. figure. Freshmen are usually dumb; these freshmen seem unusually dumb.

PRAYERS: W. J. Ullrich's grandmother is quite ill.