

Religious Bulletin

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Confession Today.

Tonight is the last night confessions will be heard in your hall chapel before the beginning of the Month of May. Tomorrow night you will be in church (and for some unknown reason confessions are not numerous in church at night. They come during Benediction, but there are seldom more than half a dozen at each box after Benediction.) You have a chance all day today in the Sorin chapel, in the basement chapel after supper, and in the hall chapels at night prayer. Don't take a chance on Wednesday morning; you may miss and spoil the month.

Do You Want To Sing?

We are indebted to the student who offered the suggestion that hymns be sung at the Grotto after supper each evening during May. There is plenty of singing going on these evenings; let it mean something. We are doing something special for the Blessed Sacrament this May; let us do something also for our Blessed Mother. A few minutes given to hymns will make us all feel better, and it will be the beginning of another worthwhile tradition at Notre Dame. Thanks for the idea.

Get Your Substitute.

Make sure you have the idea fixed in mind that when your hour of adoration comes you must be there, either personally or by substitute. Arrange with some student now to trade hours with him if you foresee that you may miss. Of course, if you cannot find a substitute, especially in an unforeseen emergency, be sure to return your card to the office of the Prefect of Religion in time for him to find a substitute among those who have given their names as alternates.

Novena For Mother's Day.

Wednesday is the first day of this Novena, which should be the most popular one of the year. If we begin Wednesday you will have time to finish it before you send your card home, unless you live in California or some such foreign country.

Why Forge Yourself A Ball And Chain?

An occasion of sin, like a habit of sin, is a ball and chain you forge for yourself. It restricts your liberty in that it holds you down. Why any sane, free man should tie himself down to an occasion of sin is one of those deep mysteries of human nature. Men do it, but it costs them dearly.

Snap out of it. If you have foolishly, and without a proper knowledge of the vagaries of human nature, got yourself entangled in some web that leads you to sin, cut the net ruthlessly. Regain your freedom before you become reconciled to captivity.

Intentions For Adoration.

The worship of God is the primary motive of Perpetual Adoration; gratitude for His blessings is the second; Reparation for our own sins and those of others, and for all the neglect and wilful injuries done the Blessed Sacrament and religion is the third; in the fourth place come the petitions which we generally place first. Among these remember the following: The welfare of Our Holy Father and the Church, especially our Indiana prelates, Bishops Noll and Chartrand, who have done much to promote Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament here, and the Vicar General, Father Durham, who has authorized Perpetual Adoration; your benefactors, your parents and relatives, your school, the Poor Souls in Purgatory, especially those bound to you by ties of affection, the conversion of sinners, especially those who reject graces at Notre Dame,