

Religious Bulletin  
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A Memorable Month.

You have it in your power to make this month of May a month that will profoundly influence not only your own lives but the lives of others in many years to come. The traditions you have a chance to establish will do great good in the lives of future Notre Dame men; in addition, what starts here, radiates through the country; the example of Notre Dame men in the past has been a great influence for good in this country. Why God has given us this influential position we do not know; we accept it humble as a serious responsibility, and try our best not to be unworthy of it.

Why should we have Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, which is almost exclusively the privilege of convents of cloistered nuns? God's grace has dictated the whole matter; your whole-hearted response to the suggestion thrown out is proof enough of that. College boys have a grand reputation in the funny papers and the movies and the scandal sheets; but here is a group of college men selected by the grace of God for work that usually belongs to nuns -- and it will be done faithfully and well.

Some one always there..... praising God..... thanking God..... asking God's pardon.. Some one always there..... asking God to heal you if you are sick..... to cure you of bad habits..... to turn away your temptations..... to help you in your studies..... to bless the folks at home..... to free your mother's soul from Purgatory..... to turn away His wrath from the wicked world..... to send peace into men's hearts..... to bless Notre Dame..... to enlighten you to know your state in life..... to give you a holy and happy marriage..... to give success to all your undertakings for the honor and glory of God..... to grant you the grace of a happy death.

Step on it! Make the most of your chance. You have nothing to get chesty about, as you are simply an instrument in God's hands for accomplishing a work He wants done. If there were some sort of a selective process in choosing Notre Dame students that would make sure of a certain elite, you might get a swelled head about it, but there is no such process. The nearest approach to it is the general reputation of Notre Dame as a Catholic school, which draws many who are seeking a Catholic education under favorable auspices, plus the activity of certain alumni who appreciate the spiritual advantages of their Alma Mater -- but often alumni send men whose spiritual training has been zero.

And make hymns at the Grotto after supper another spiritual tradition at Notre Dame. If you want to exercise your lungs after supper -- and front porch melodies attest this -- why not make your singing a prayer. That little amphitheatre behind the church, with brick walls to reverberate the sound and two lakes to carry it across to the woods, was made for such an occasion. Honor God and His Blessed Mother during this month as they have never been honored before at Notre Dame; fulfill this dream of Father Sorin; make this in truth a memorable month.

May Devotions Tonight.

At 7:30 tonight Father Irving will preach for the opening of May Devotions. Benediction will follow the sermon.

Start The Month In The State Of Grace.

It wouldn't seem right for any student not to be in the state of grace for the opening of the Blessed Virgin's Month in her own school. Confession today in the Sorin chapel and during and after the May Devotions tonight in the church.

Prayers.

Two brothers of Gerald DuWan, one ill, the other deceased (anniversary). Five special intentions. Wm. Hoppe's grandmother is very low.