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Make Corpus Christi A HOLY Day.

his satantic majesty takes devilish delight in playing sacrilegeous jokes on baby minds. he is working one up now. If any day of the year should appeal to Notre Dame men as a particularly sacred feast, it is the Feast of Corpus Christi, which is the solemn commercation of the institution of the Blessed Sacrament. It so happens this year that this feast coincides with Memorial Day, established years ago to do honor to the martyrs to national unity. It also happens that a great auto race is held on that day, and the sworn enemy of God who goes about as a "roaring lion" to prey on goofs has put it into the heads of certain boys who have learned something of devotion to the Blessed Sacrament this year that they are going to foregather in Indianapolis to make themselves subjects for his satantic abode on that day.

Those who do go to Indianapolis that day would do well to make their visit a pilgrimage as well as a sporting event. They should attend Mass at SS.Peter and Paul Cathedral, at the corner of North Meridian and Fourteenth Sts., and observe the crowds receiving Holy Communion; they should then visit the Perpetual Adoration chapel adjoining the Cathedral and there thank God that Bishop Chartrand's system of facilitating the reception of the Sacraments has been adopted at Notre Dame.

If they go early they will find the Bishop hearing confessions before his five o'clock Mass, as he does every day; if they go late they will find him still hearing confessions while one of the priests distributes Holy Communion. And in the pews they will find hundreds of devout worshippers praying out of the little Purple Prayer Books complied and published by their beloved Bishop.

For a Notre Dame man a visit to Indianapolis should be a real Eucharistic pilgrimage, and to make it in the Feast of Corpus Christi should be regarded as a privilege. The Chapel of Perpetual Adoration there has been a real cradle of Eucharistic devotion. It was the miniature parish church of that parish before the building of the Cathedral, some twenty years ago, and it was there that Father Chartrand, then secretary to his predecessor, Bishop Chatard, put into execution the famous decree of Pius X, Quam Singulari, when its ink was scarcely dry. Daily Communion in that parish is as old as the decree permitting it, and when Judgment Day comes Bishop Chartrand will find that literally millions of people have been brought to this practice through his inspiring slavery to the confessional.

But whether you go to the races or not, make Corpus Christi a holy day. If anything good has come into your life this year, you can trace it to Holy Communion. If you have had good companions, remember that they are better because of Holy Communion. If you have overcome any serious temptations or habits of sin, give the credit to Holy Communion. If you have developed any virtues — and many a boy finds in himself here virtues he never knew he had — remember that they have been nourished by the Daily Food Which is the source of every virtue.

In Perpetual Adoration this year have a perfect preparation for the Feast of Corpus Christi -- so if you have an ounce of brains don't let the devil kid you into spoiling it all. The Kluxers on the Indianapolis police force would be tickled to death to run in a parcel of drunks wearing Notre Dame belt buckles -- and the same devil who puts it into your head to carouse there on that day and night can point out your silly head as a proper object for the attack of a Kluxer billy. Keep your head.

Gaps During Exams.

Monday -- 8:00; 9:00 (2); 9:30; 10:00; 11:00; 1:30 (2); 2:30; 3:00; 4:30. Tuosday -- 8:00 (2); 8:30; 9:00; 9:30; 10:00; 10:30; 11:00 (2); 11:30 (2); 1:00; 1:30; 2:30; 3:30 (2); 4:00, Wednesday -- 4:00,

PRAYERS - Ed. England's mother is to undergo an operation today; recovery is doubtful.