

Religious Bulletin
November 27, 1929.

Thanksgiving Mass.

The student Mass tomorrow will be a Low Mass at 7:30. Breakfast will be at 8:00. Thank God for all He has done for you and yours the past year. And if you can't find anything to thank God for, you are an ungrateful wretch and need a course in manners.

Early Communion Tomorrow.

Besides the Mass at 7:30, there will be the usual daily opportunities for confession and Holy Communion -- in the basement chapel from 6:00 till 7:00, and in the Sorin chapel from 5:15 till noon. If you wish to receive before 5:15, notify the Prefect of Religion today.

Remember the Team.

There is a story current that the football team is leaving for the Atlantic seaboard (otherwise known as the Metropolitan area) tomorrow, to engage in a rough-and-tumble pastime with a group of young men from someplace-on-the-Hudson. You might offer a prayer and a remembrance in Holy Communion that there will be no broken legs in the encounter of brains and brawn.

Five Hundred And Two.

According to a report from the office of the Director of Studies, that is the number of students placed on probation as a result of the recent academic tests.

Does the number seem large to you? It is said to be a 30% increase of the number of probationers for the first quarter of last year, but observers of the follies of this fall are not particularly surprised.

The Communion graph in the basement chapel is a good indicator of the trend in the elements of student life. This graph shows that there was a very weak response to the notice for a novena for studies, about the middle of October. It also shows that it took almost two weeks for you to get back to anything like normal (and this year's normal is anything but matter for boasting) after the Trip to Chicago for the Wisconsin Game. It will also show, when it is brought up to date, that you have been below normal since the Tuesday before the Southern California Game (that was the Tuesday on which we had a Mass for Coach Rockne).

Are we to conclude that this year's student body is a bit inferior? You may draw your own conclusions after examining your own conscience. We can let you in on this much; among those who have not been to the Sacraments this fall, or who have received only once or twice, a large number are on probation; and among the others there are some who are not on probation there are some who should be for their own spiritual benefit, as it is a swelled head that is keeping them from the Sacraments.

The Off-Campus Spiritual Bouquet.

Thirty-five off-campus students have returned their cards for the spiritual bouquet for Coach Rockne, and the showing they have made is far superior to anything the campus students have done. They promise 285 Holy Communions, besides many other prayers. The bouquet is far from complete, however, as only five per cent of the off-campus students have returned their cards.

Novena For Purity.

The Novena in honor of the Immaculate Conception, which is the annual Novena for the grace of Purity, will begin Saturday and end on the feast, December 8.