

Religious Bulletin
October 20, 1930

Robert Driscoll, R.I.P.

During the Mission four Masses were said and 3555 Holy Communions offered for the next one of us to die. Robert Driscoll did not suspect that they were offered for him. They bore fruit last Friday night when he met death in an accident, for, although he was unconscious, he lived long enough to receive conditional absolution and Extreme Unction. Keep him in your prayers.

For The Next One To Die.

A Mass will be offered privately tomorrow for the next one of us to die. Which one of us it will be we do not know. Whether that one will be able to go to confession we do not know. All we know is that when our time comes we must go, and that we will need all the prayers we can get for that hour. Offer Holy Communion tomorrow (in your hall chapel) for the next one of us to die.

How Many Lessons Will You Need?

Six years ago we went through the year without a death at school. We grew careless. The following year we had four deaths in a row during the football season, a week or ten days apart. Four more came before the following September, the last one on the way home from school in June.

Last year we again went through the year without a death at school. We grew careless again. Find all the causes and excuses you may, the number of Holy Communions thus far this year is 107 below the total for the same time last year, and we have approximately 100 more students registered. Worse than that, there are, as you were informed a few days ago, approximately 400 students who have not yet received the Sacraments this year. (A further check reveals that 525 off-campus students have made no use of the facilities afforded them daily in the Sorin chapel.)

At the foot of your Eucharistic Calendar you read: "You can't get a Notre Dame education unless you live in the state of grace." No truer word was ever spoken. Education at Notre Dame is preparation for death -- the only authentic preparation for life. During the Mission you were told that of the last twenty-five deaths at Notre Dame, more than half the victims had no chance to go to confession when they were called. Check up another one. How many more lessons will you need in the importance of living in the state of grace?

The Spiritual Bouquet.

The cards posted Saturday morning brought the following offerings for the repose of the soul of Robert Driscoll:

Holy Communions.....	624
Masses heard.....	523
Rosaries.....	190
Aspirations.....	823
Visits.....	172
Way of the Cross.....	25
Mortifications.....	91

Prayers.

Charles Farris and Justin D. Sullivan lost their fathers Saturday. James Murray and Wm. Walsh, victims of last Friday's accident, need your prayers. Virgilius Phillip is suffering from an eye infection that has forced him to leave school. Clarence Tackens wires that his father has received the Last Sacraments.