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Catholic Action Club.

A Catholic Action Club is in process of formation at Notre Dame. Its purpose is to supplement the regular curriculum in preparing University laymen to assist the American hierarchy in the Apostolic ministry.

Father William A. Bolger, C.S.C., Head of the Department of Economics and Politics at Notre Dame, will direct the Club. Besides being a professor of national reputation in the fields of Economics and Politics, Father Bolger was for seventeen years an eminently successful director of debating at Notre Dame. He is an active, charter member of both The Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems, and The Catholic Association for International Peace. No one is better fitted to direct the important activities lying ahead of the Catholic Action Club.

The aim of the Club is to prepare men to present effectively, in speech and writing, the Catholic position on the burning industrial, social, and religious questions of the day. Two famous encyclicals, Rerum Novarum, and Quadragesimo Anno, will form the basis of the work to be done.

Large membership is not a desideratum of the Club. Rather, men are wanted who have genuine ability and persevering zeal for the work.

For the most part, the members of the Club should come from the Senior and Junior classes; and even so, only Juniors and Seniors of good class standing, who are frequent communicants, should feel themselves qualified for the work.

To propagate Catholic life requires, first, ability, then zeal. Action, effective action, is the watchword. If a student is not a frequent communicant he fails to see the importance of intense Catholic life for himself, and he can hardly, therefore, see and care about its importance for others. Moreover, this work must flourish, as it has flourished in other countries, under such men as Chesterton and Cilsen, Belloc and Maritain, through God's grace and the influence of the exemplary lives of its leaders. Hence the fundamental need of frequent communicants.

The time of the meetings of the Club is to be determined later, after applications will have been received and accepted, to best suit the convenience of the greatest number.

The University offers no credit for this work. It is purely an extra-curricular activity.

No ballyhoo introduces the Club. If you feel interested confer, for further information, directly with Father Bolger, 319 Main Building; with the Prefect of Religion, Sorin Hall, evenings, 8 to 10 o'clock, or with his assistant, Dillon Hall, every morning till noon and evenings, 8 to 10.

Prompt action is requested that the Club may quickly get under way.

Reparation May Be In Order.

You would not deliberately set out to blacken the reputation of Notre Dame. Neither would you, of set purpose, ruin the good name of your mother and father in your home town. Still, many things happen through thoughtfulness that would not be deliberately planned.

Did your conduct during the holidays do anything to lessen the good name of Notre Dame in your home town? Did it cast aspersions on your family honor? If so, reparation is in order. Offer prayers and Holy Communion to repair the scandal you may have caused, and take appropriate resolutions to avoid future scandal.