

Feast of Our Lady of
Lourdes. Visit the
Grotto for the sick.

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An Argument Against the Pledge.

"Why shackle yourself with the pledge? A man has a will to determine himself on all occasions, even those that are tempting. Isn't the pledge a sort of confession of weakness, a kind of degradation of will?"

You seem to imply that a man ought to determine himself only at the actual time of temptation--here and now, tonight, at 9:13 $\frac{1}{2}$, when someone pushes a cocktail under his nose. Any kind of pre-determination, or making up of the mind beforehand, is ignoble. That is precisely the kind of argument that Satan breathes into boys' ears.

Have you ever heard about the vows that religious have been taking ever since the beginning of monasticism? Through these vows, the religious binds himself to perform, and to refrain from performing, legitimate actions out of love of God and for the salvation of his own soul. That is pre-determination, but the taking and keeping of the religious vows, until death, is considered a most heroic performance.

Two people in the Sacrament of Matrimony bind themselves by sacred obligations until death. Do you imply that the promise made in matrimony is a kind of degradation?

It is a noble thing to refuse even one drink out of worthy motives. It is a much nobler thing to refuse many drinks for many years out of worthy motives. That is what a man does when he signs the pledge for the love of God, as an act of penance, or to protect his own welfare. And, be sure that God abundantly blesses him for his action.

Within the last three days, 31 Notre Dame men have signed their names to the pledge. Altogether now there are 138. Many more, as they see the light, will be doing likewise. Pledge boxes and blank forms are provided in all the halls.

Lest You Regret.

Some of you get up on time to receive Holy Communion, but too late to hear Mass, before breakfast.

It takes you about a minute and a half to walk from the dining hall to the Dillon Hall Chapel. There you can hear Mass every morning at 7:15.

Spend that minute and a half, and an additional twenty minutes, every morning hearing Mass. Or some day you will feel like the writer of the following letter:

"What a change.....is from Notre Dame! Here there are only three Catholics besides myself. Believe it or not, Father, but I have the reputation of being a very pious Catholic. In fact, I even walked twenty miles going to and coming from church one hot Sunday morning during the summer. To be candid, this sudden religious change is not due to any increase of piety on my part. It is due to nothing more than my natural Irish stubbornness. Just because it is hard for me to get to church, I am determined that I shall go to church. At times I think of the many opportunities for Mass and Communion in Sorin Hall that I passed up because I liked my morning sleep too well. I have at length come to the realization that one can always sleep, but one cannot always go to Holy Communion and to Mass. And now I deeply regret many of these mornings at Notre Dame."

PRAYERS: Deceased, father of Rev. Szabo; Mr. Robert H. Wolf; Mr. John C. Doarn; aunt of Harold Kohlman (Corby); Robert Wolf benefactor; grandmother of Pete Johnson; cousin of student; friend of the University. Ill, Father Malone; Frank Hering, trustee; Mrs. James English; Joe Sullivan; Paul Mueller (Lyons), mastoid; Ed Kirby; Ray Bonar; Bob Malarney; aunt of Art Sandusky (Walsh); father of Frank Gaul (Corby); uncle of John Berry; father of Norbert Gulson; two friends of student. Seven special intentions.