

Mass Wednesday of St.
Soter and St. Caius,
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...Blessed Virgin Mary,
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Heartbreaker.

"Dear Father -----: We couldn't have (Johnny) home for this Easter, Father, and both his father and I are worried and I don't know anybody to go to about it but you. I feel sure you will talk to (John). Something has gone wrong with that boy, Father. I just now got through reading again the list sent out by one of your offices out there saying that he is failing in three studies. How can that be? That boy of ours is maybe not brilliant, Father, but he isn't ignorant either. His high school teachers told me that he has enough brains.

"Father, will you find out if he is going to Holy Communion as he started to every day? The reason I ask is this, he keeps writing us for spending money and he knows how things are here at home. He used to be so considerate that way. We just have to scrape every dollar together to keep him there at school without giving him the spending money that he keeps asking for. I'm sure that something has come over him, but if he is going to Holy Communion often it will relieve my mind because then he can't be so bad.

"You never met Mr. -----, but I don't think there is a man alive today who works harder for his family than my husband. Father, he seems to bank his whole life on (John). I guess both of us do. Do you think (John) is drinking, Father? Do you know if he has picked up with any girl there in South Bend? If that boy disappoints us and comes home here a disgrace it will be the end of us both. God forgive me for saying it. Please write when you can and give me your opinion about (John)."

Notes on "Johnny": (a) If he isn't the laziest student on the campus, at least one of his best friends is. "John" is capable of a constant 90 average, according to nearly all of his professors. (b) He is very rarely seen at the Communion rail any more. In his freshman year he was a frequent communicant. (c) He has never been discovered under the influence of liquor. Nothing is known about the girl, if any. (d) But "John" is in the sophomoreic fog of smugness and stupidity. He poses as a campus wise guy; hard study or religion is for the drudge. (e) It will take him a life-time to make restitution to his father and mother for the last six months. And he knows it.

How can these facts be made bearable to such a mother as "John's?"

That Question!

"How well fixed financially is Notre Dame?" One fellow proposed that question to be answered "boldly" in the Bulletin. Boldly comes the answer--very poorly is Notre Dame fixed financially. In fact, if it weren't for the flesh-and-blood endowment contributed since Father Sorin's time by certain priests and brothers of the Congregation of Holy Cross; if it weren't for the self-sacrificing loyalty of many a lay faculty member, in years gone by, and today, Notre Dame wouldn't exist. Ah, you say, look at the large number of splendid class and dormitory buildings. Look at the dining halls and the huge stadium. Look at the beautiful campus and the golf course and everything. Look, look.

If Notre Dame is to hold a place among the great universities of the country, you fellows have to give, or go out and get, her some endowment. If you don't know about the cost of running a large educational institution, consider these facts: Harvard has more than \$128,000,000 in endowments; Yale has \$95,000,000, Columbia \$69,000,000, University of Chicago \$53,000,000, Rochester \$58,000,000, etc., etc. Notre Dame has not one million, and never has had. That's the answer, especially to you optimistic seniors who expect to boss a bubbling oil field within the next six months.

PRAYERS: (deceased) two friends of Matt Merkel (Brownson); father of Harry Marr (St. Ed's). Ill, Mr. Flanagan, friend of Wm. and Joe McHally (Alumni); uncle of John Jaxthamor (Brownson); friend of Paul Doyle (Walsh); Vince DeCoursey's great-uncle.