

The Religious Bulletin
will print a portrait of
the Blessed Virgin.....

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...Hang it in your room
as a reminder to keep
your speech clean.

Clean-Speech Campaign.

Reverend dear Father,

The Knights of Columbus have been operating for some time a drive to further the use of cleaner speech by our own members. Our campaign has been confined to the members alone, though we had plans for a campus-wide campaign to be waged when improvement within the council justified it.

Members of this committee followed with great interest the campaign recently carried on through the use of the question mark. We congratulate the Bulletin on the speed with which it picked up the challenge. With our slower moving machinery, the Council at its meeting last Tuesday authorized this committee to convey to you the hearty endorsement of Notre Dame Council #1477 of this campaign for cleaner speech on our Catholic campus.

It is our feeling that some permanent reminder of the campaign through the Bulletin would be appreciated by the men who love clean speech.

We hope that this suggestion will be carried out and extend to you an invitation to call on us at any time in the future to aid in carrying out the completion of this praiseworthy campaign begun by a student group.

Respectfully yours,

Cleaner Speech Committee
Notre Dame Council #1477
Knights of Columbus

Congratulations.

The group of students who recently promoted, on their own initiative, this campaign for cleaner speech merit a public expression of gratitude.

We congratulate also the local Notre Dame Council for officially endorsing this campaign. And we thank them for contributing \$15.00 to help defray the printing expenses.

Sorry To Say.

Even at Notre Dame there are a few students who have the undesirable habit of unclean speech. Where they have picked up this habit is not difficult to imagine. Profanity of any kind is a dead giveaway. Usually the source is a companion with a pool-room complex; or the habit itself is a mask to cover up some kind of an inferiority. Sensitive of personal weakness of will, or poverty of vocabulary, the student puts on this false front of manliness. Pity him, fellows!

No student deserves consideration who maliciously and carelessly struts his vulgarity of speech. Such a one is usually careless about everything else, too. But be patient with him. Maybe he's just emerging from the shell of delayed adolescence. Probably he's the big guffawer in Washington Hall on Saturday nights; or the high school kid who gives his companions the razzberry when they escort their guests around the campus.

Love clean speech. There is no excuse for the absence of it, especially at Notre Dame. But there's a reason for its presence. Let every guilty tongue discover that reason down deep in his heart. "Blessed are the clean of heart for they shall see God."

PRAYERS: (deceased) anniversary of death of grandmother of L.J. Ronder (Cav); mother of Fr. Hoever; anniversary of death of uncle of Tom Minoque (Mor); 3rd anniversary of death of Rev. John W. Cavanaugh C.S.C., former president. Six special intentions.