

Mass, Dillon, Thursday,  
7:20 for father of Gene  
Dolan (Walsh).....

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God In Life.

The night before last you heard Father O'Hara address alumni and friends of the University over a coast-to-coast NBC network. He reviewed, in terse and straightforward language, the only philosophy of life that recognizes God's place in the life of individual men and of society. This system of thought and action is the only one which guarantees interior peace and joy to individuals, and mutual, fraternal respect to nations. To engrave this philosophy deep in your heart the Bulletin reprints Father O'Hara's speech as broadcast:

For a text to convey my greetings tonight to Notre Dame men all over the world, I go to the Sermon on the Mount. I choose the solemn words of our Divine Lord to His Apostles: "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt lose its savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is good for nothing any more but to be cast out and to be trodden on by men."

I charge you, Notre Dame men, to accept the social responsibility you have to share with others the philosophy of life you learned at Notre Dame. It is the philosophy that guided the men who signed the Declaration of Independence, to proclaim to the world the moral cause for which they fought-- the defense of natural rights which were given to man by his Creator. It is the philosophy of the men who framed the Constitution; and the implications of this philosophy stand out constantly in the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States.

At Notre Dame you learned that man was created by an all-wise, all-good, all-powerful God, and that in all relations between man and man, God the Creator must have His share. Marriage is a relationship, not simply between a man and a woman, but between a man and a woman and God. Business is a relationship, not simply between buyer and seller, but between buyer and seller and God. Government is a relationship, not merely between ruler and citizen, but between ruler and citizen and God.

Take God out of this picture, and the whole scale of values is changed. The cheap rewards of this life, be they honor, glory, power, possessions, pleasures-- take on tremendous importance. The battle is to the strong, to the cruel, perhaps to the barbarous. The machine gun and poison gas are of infinite importance to the man whose sole hope lies in the few years he has this side of the grave. Ambition can be intense and vice can be furious when its hour is short. Take away all hope of eternity and you unleash the full savagery of selfishness.

The world suffers today from philosophies that leave out God. When God has no place in the family, the basic unity of society crumbles. When God is ruled out of business, justice and charity between men suffer, and our economic structure is undermined. When God is ignored in government, the Omnipotence of God is transferred to the State.

You men of Notre Dame see this clearly. Recognize your duty to society! Do your part, everyone of you, to restore to God His place in the home, His place in society. You, and those who, like you, have been trained in early years in this basic philosophy of life can save society. If you fail-- "If the salt shall lose its savour.....it is good for nothing any more but to be cast out and to be trodden on by men."

**CORRECTION:** In yesterday's Bulletin under the caption "Preparation for Marriage", in the third line "psychological" should replace "physiological."

**PRAYERS:** (deceased) father of Gene Dolan (Walsh); friend of Bernard Feeney (How); Thos. Kennedy; Louis De Trempe; mother of Brother Chrysostom, C.S.C. Ill, friend of Bob Le-Jeune (Cav.); grandmother of Bob Wilson(Dil); Fr. Hoffman, O.S.B.; wife of Mayor Dooley of Highland Park; sister of Pete Martori (Lyons). Six special intentions.