

High Mass Wed. 6:00 A.M.
Main Church for father
of Chas. M. Walsh '27..

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of Dom Favero (Carroll).

What's This, A Minor League?

Of Notre Dame's Catholic students, only 1303 received Holy Communion yesterday morn-
ing. 1391 did not.

This evidently means that more than half of you are very bright-- or think you are.
You don't need the Novena for Exams. You can well afford to push away God's helping
hand.

Do you think so? You don't understand novenas. No one ever promised they guarantee
success, that not to make them spells failure. Only this is true: if you make them,
you can't help but do a better job.

And you ought to make this one for something more than just "light". This is your
last big chance to thank Almighty God for all the graces He has given you this year
at Notre Dame.

Some of the halls show good novena strength right now. By tomorrow perhaps every one
of them will have passed the .500 mark.

1. Brownson-Carroll	.650	5. Lyons	.420	9. Badin	.370
2. Freshman	.610	6. Cavanaugh	.418	10. Dillon	.350
3. Howard	.580	7. Sorin	.417	11. St. Edwards	.280
4. Zahm	.540	8. Morrissey	.380	12. Alumni	.270
				13. Walsh	.200

Looks like the Cavanaugh Kiddies and the Sorin Grandpas will have to fight it out for
sixth! But don't slip up on this: it isn't so much where your hall stands. Where
do you stand?

You Helped Make This Impression.

A short while ago Mr. Robert Speaight, the English actor, appeared on the campus. Now
that he has returned to England he has written his impressions of "America Today" this
quote from the London Tablet:

"What I found attractive in America, apart from what amused or excited me, was the
leaven of Catholicism in the American people, bringing their humour and friendliness
and sincerity to a graceful fruition. I hope I shall not be misunderstood when I say
that I saw it as a civilizing, even more than as a spiritualizing force-- though, in-
deed, you cannot separate the two. To come out of the world of the theatre, and visit
a great Catholic University, like Fordham or Notre Dame, or a great Catholic college
for girls, like St. Mary's, or Rosary, or Mundelein--the skyscraper on the shores of
Lake Michigan--is to meet a new America. It is, I believe, the America of the future,
and it is not without significance that some of its ideas have percolated to the White
House. In these academies you will find efficiency without hustle, friendliness with-
out familiarity, culture without pedantry, spirituality without pietism. You will
find an America remembering its European roots and untouched by European decadence.
You will find a Catholicism shaking hands a little more easily with the present day
than the Catholicism of England and France. And you will discern a fascinating para-
dox. The principles of equality and justice, of human dignity and freedom, which
animated the Republican Fathers, are today only guaranteed by that philosophy which
they, in their invincible ignorance, rejected by those dogmas which they despised.
Where, one asks, would Jefferson stand today? Would he be able to separate the shib-
boleth from the reality? Would he have the lucidity to recognize the transcendental
reasons why he had been so triumphantly in the right? It is a provocative question.
But that lucidity, which is no small part of spiritual illumination, is the great and
necessary gift of American Catholics to their country, for without it the "American
dream" will remain like a receding horizon in the minds of the American people."

PRAYERS: (deceased) anniv. of death of mother of Bill Eberhardt (Dil); Thos. Brady; Sr.
M. Rosary, C.S.C.; father of Chas. M. Walsh '27; Ill, father of A.J. Rizzi. 4 spec. ints.