

Benediction tonight at
7:00 and 7:30. No de-
votions at 5:00.

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Linnets sing tomorrow
at 7:25 Mass in Cav.
Everybody is invited.

About Dates.

Sure, you all want to know every point about romance. You ask the same questions a thousand ways:

"Less abstract and more concrete material on marriage and similar subjects."

"How to overcome tempting passion."

"When does 'dating' become sinful?"

"About girls, especially the kind in vogue today, not those found only in convents."

"Girls, dates, liquor."

"Qualities of a gentleman when he's with a lady."

"Where and how to meet the right type of girl while at Notre Dame."

"Courtship for Catholics candidly handled."

"Selecting a life mate. Something concerning non-Catholic girl friends."

"Let's have something about the ideal girl for a good future wife."

"Practical-- not impossible-- suggestions and less theory."

"The Church's view on the love-affairs of young people 18-20."

These are good questions and you are entitled to know the answers. Time and again, in the past you have accused the Bulletin of beating around the bush, talking in circles. But that is hardly the Bulletin's fault.

Listen. Your problems are as old as Adam and Eve. They are problems because of Adam and Eve, though this modern world will tell you not to believe it. The world thinks this idea of a fallen nature is bunk. It repudiates Faith to have a good old time. But that is a bigger price than you want to pay. Your Morals and Faith go together.

These problems have been settled for centuries-- definitely. You're not asking the Notre Dame Bulletin to come along and unsettle them, are you?

The trouble is, you know the answers but don't want to admit them. You know what's right and wrong, at least fundamentally, and can always ask when in doubt. You don't need it written out. You'll always remember it. Conscience, at least the Catholic conscience, is like that. You know you can't treat a girl as a man treats his wife. If you want to hear "Yes" when God Himself says "No," there is something radically wrong and you should see a priest or a doctor, somebody, quick. If you don't want to face facts-- the facts of God's Revelation as well as the facts of life-- then escape from reality.

Here are the facts. God made you and He made your girl. You are both good, not all good, but good, invested with dignity, personality, a capacity for decent and honest love. There are certain modest, manly, ladylike ways of showing affection. Everyone knows them. You don't have to ask the Bulletin that. The attraction God places between you is good. If things had panned out as He planned them, you two could be-- and this is literal, not funny-- as two angels. But somewhere in the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve found a monkey wrench and threw it into God's beautiful work. That's why you have these ticklish problems.

Anyone, boy or girl, can give in to temptations, sacrifice the treasure of youth, holy chastity, the thing that little Agnes preserved in her blood. It takes real courage, a man, a girl, the Blessed Virgin and God to keep chaste. If you don't want to be different, that's not the Bulletin's fault. There you have it. Come around for the rest. God bless you. And-- take it easy.

HEY, A LITTLE FIGHT FROM THE STUDENT BODY. TEAM SAILS FOR NAVY. YOU CAN ROW, TOO.
TOMORROW BE AT MASS & COMMUNION & AT THE RADIO & AT THE NAVY DANCE FOR BOYS' TOWN.