Start triduum for the sick and sinners.
Mass, Communion, Grotto.

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Help Navy men get acquainted with the campus. Show them Roc.

Return Stolen Goods.

It's very simple. If you have taken any object which does not belong to you, you have an obligation under pain of sin to return it to its rightful owner.

Seek the advice of your confessor and he will tell you how restitution is to be made.

Above all, see your confessor. Explain to him the motive behind the theft. It could easily have been mortal sin. And you need a little advice if you lift things so unscrupulously.

It's very obvious. The fellow who picks up and keeps a golf ball that has just been driven off the tee is committing an act of theft. He has no title of possession to the ball. The owner has in no way relinquished his rights. The ball must be returned to its owner. You understand the principles.

Chairs, radios, lamps, rugs, bookcases, etc. belong to their rightful owners. Before one may claim an article as his own, he must have a real title to it. All articles left in the campus storage rocms had their rightful owners. Justice demands that you return anything taken without legitimate authorization.

What if you don't return it. You hold an article in bad faith. If it has value it is a mortal sin. You offend God seriously. Heaven is closed to you until you repent.

Captain Tom Webster - God Grant Him Eternal Rest!

Tom was injured in action at Guadalcanal on November 24, and died later at a hospital base. After graduating in 1940, Tom entered the marines. In 1941, he received his commissions as lieutenants, second and first, in San Diego, California before leaving for active service. While in the South Pacific he was promoted to the rank of captain.

Which is it? Kneel or Sit During Communion?

Neither.

Those ten or fifteen men at the 8:30 Mass yesterday who sat down, talked and fooled with their money or watches or read a paper had better learn how to assist at Mass.

Some will say: It's the custom at home to sit down. That may be true. But that is not the truly Catholic manner of assisting at Mass on Sunday. To assist at Mass and not receive Holy Communion is not to participate fully in the Holy Sacrifice.

At Notre Dame every student makes a sincere effort to receive Our Lord at the Communion rail. When Holy Communion is not received, it is a kneeling position that is the campus tradition.

Would you sit down next to the tabernacle? You admit it would be great disrespect to act in that manner. The communicant next to you is just as truly a tabernacle as the golden receptacle on the altar. Kneel up. You are in the presence of your God. There is always plenty for you to pray about during the distribution of the Eucharist: the war, the men in the armed forces, your sick relatives - you may be getting soft and don't know it. So, it's neither kneel or sit. It's kneel and pray.

PRAYERS: (deceased) brother of Father Hudson, C.S.C.; mother of Father Otto Keller (St. Bavo's, Mishawaka); uncle of Leo Lardie; friend of Jerry Ford, (Dil); aunt of Tom McGuire (Sor); cousin of Bill Herzog (Al). (Ill) grandmother of Leo Lardie; Ensign Paul Morrison, USIR - serious; Mr. Hoare, Mgr. of Laundry - operation.