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THE RELIGIOUS BULLETIN is older than most men in the present student body. It came into being twenty-two years ago, in 1921. A Mission had started. Certain abuses were noticed during the first day of the Mission, and to draw attention to these irregularities, the Prefect of Religion, Father John O'Hara, now Bishop O'Hara of the Armed Forces, typed out copies of admonition and placed them on the bulletin boards of each hall.

The students failed to improve in their conduct, and more bulletins came from the office of Father O'Hara with the hope of uprooting the disorder. The Mission closed and the BULLETIN ceased coming.

Father O'Hara's approach attracted the students. They began to ask for more BULLETINS. More were issued. In the beginning, two or three were published each week; soon it became a daily feature of the campus life. The BULLETIN will continue to come to you, but in this new form. Pick up your copy every Sunday. After reading it, pass it on to others. The BULLETIN is written for the students. As in the past, it will hammer away at student weaknesses, and will suggest means of advancing in virtue and developing character. Every issue will carry announcements of future religious events on the campus and religious news of the day. The BULLETIN comes from the office of the Chaplain and Student Counselor in Sorin Hall. He welcomes your cooperation.

ARE YOU SAYING MORNING PRAYERS?

"No time!" A very poor excuse. Use a little ingenuity and you can get in this very necessary devotion - and it is necessary to think of God at the beginning of the day and to seek from Him every blessing. A Navy Chaplain tells the story of a Catholic seaman he found who taught himself to awaken in the middle of the night to say the Rosary. The fellow wanted to see if he had the stuff that goes to make up a Trappist monk, the life he wished to follow -- and did later. Like this man, you must make the best of circumstances. Say your morning prayers whether you are on a transport, in a foxhole, in the desert, in camp or on a university campus. Here are a few suggestions:

1) HIT THE DECK WITH THE SOUND OF THE REVEILLE BELL

That bell for you is not the call of the Rector or the Chief, but GOD calling you to begin a new day FOR HIM. If you rise promptly, with the desire to serve Our Lord every hour of the day, you have made a perfect start on your morning prayer.

2) PRAY WHILE DRESSING. Compose a few prayers of your own. For instance, when putting on your shoes, tell Our Lord in your heart that you wish to walk and run and play throughout the day FOR HIM, and that it is your sincerest wish to direct your steps away from anything or any person who would lead you into sin.

3) LOOK AT THE CRUCIFIX ON YOUR DESK before leaving your room. If you don't have a crucifix or a holy picture of Christ, get one from the Chaplain, gratis. Before you leave your room for calisthenics (and for class), turn your eyes to Christ and ask His Blessing on your day.

4) VISIT THE CHAPEL before breakfast, if you have time. In the half hour period before the eight o'clock class, Our Lord should have received a visit, tho a short one, from every Catholic.

IF

YOU ARE WORRIED

SEE

A PRIEST TONIGHT

RUSS ALVINO DIES DURING VACATION

Russ lived in Alumni Hall last year. He would have graduated at the end of this semester. We would have expected Russ to die the way he did - with a smile and with confidence - because he led a truly Catholic life on the campus. Russ shows all young men how to die. The story of Russ' illness and death is told in a letter sent to Notre Dame.

"Dear Father: I wish to thank you for your thoughtfulness in easing our sorrow in the loss of Russ. His passing greatly affected Mother to the extent that doctor's orders confined her to bed and prevented her from attending funeral services. When your letter came Dad read it to her and as she listened we noted a marked change. Her features seemed to take on an expression of pride and joy in knowing Russ had led such a clean and religious life.

"Russ appeared to be ill upon his return for summer vacation and as a result we had a specialist examine him. The doctor's report showed signs of pulmonary congestion and rheumatic heart. Russ was not informed of the seriousness of his condition but was ordered to bed immediately under guise of a rest cure. He never left his bed again until the night of May 24th, when he was taken to St. Michael's Hospital in Newark. He died the following afternoon at three o'clock.

"Russ was conscious to the end, having received the Last Sacraments a few hours before his death. His last few hours were spent in an oxygen tent, and despite his suffering, he always managed to smile when someone entered the room. At one time he noticed Mother looking very sorrowful, and leaning a bit forward he said, 'Mom why don't you smile like I'm doing, don't worry about me; everything is all right'. I know Russ had no fear of death for my sister and I had many a discussion with him on why death should be looked upon as something beautiful and not to be feared."

The source of all Russ' Catholicity and goodness was Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. He came to the chapel every day, and Christ poured into him, through Mass and Holy Communion, the inspirations and graces which go to make a real man.

Pray for Russ. Imitate his Christ-like kindness and humility.

FRANK E. HERING, '98, COACH, TEACHER, LAY TRUSTEE

A loyal Notre Dame man died at his home in South Bend last Sunday. For nearly fifty years, half the life of the University, Mr. Hering was associated with Notre Dame in one capacity or another. Back in 1895 he became the first paid football coach and athletic director. Varsity basketball started under him in 1897. At the time of his death he was a member of the Notre Dame board of lay trustees.

Mother's Day is one of the most popular holidays in America. Mr. Hering was its founder. It is significant that a man from the school that places a woman, Notre Dame, Our Lady, high above all her buildings, should have inspired a yearly anniversary to motherhood.

God grant that Our Heavenly Mother has already welcomed home another of her Notre Dame sons.

NOTRE DAME'S GOLD STARS -- FIFTY

During your vacation, the following Notre Dame men were reported as having died in the Service of their country:

Aviation Cadet Pierre de la Vergne, '38
Ensign Ralph Wingfield, '40
Ensign Henry Caudill, ex '41
Lt.(jg) Thomas Durkin, '37
Sergeant Daniel Farley, ex '38
Lt. Vincent Jasinski, ex '34
Lt. Joseph Prendergast, '36

PRAYERS

Deceased: Very Rev. James W. Donahue, C.S.C., former Superior General of the Congregation of Holy Cross; sister of Sister Amadeus; mother of Brother Philip, C.S.C. ; Brother Ulric, C.S.C.; Msgr. Joseph Smith (Cleveland); Arthur Hughes, former Pres. of N.D. Alumni Assoc.; father of Ensign Joseph Gerwe, USNR; Jean Slavin, '37.

Ill: Maurice Heneault, '42; Jerry Moynihan (N.D. workman) - in hospital; Prof. Francis Ackerman - in hospital. Two special Intentions.

A MARINE AND A WORD

Sometimes when you ask a young fellow to help the Chaplain and be an Apostle in the Service, he thinks you are asking him to take on a full-time job in addition to everything else he has to do. He pictures himself as the barrack-room evangelist. The picture is not attractive, and he drops the idea.

But the reality is far different from the picture. It is not at all necessary (indeed it is disastrous) to be a religious nut and to have the apostolic spirit. Very often the sheer force of shining Christian example is enough. Sometimes a little more is needed -- not a sermon, just a word.

Recently a lad, newly arrived at a Merchant Marine Training Station, found that he was the only man on the station who went to Sunday Mass. He thought it rather peculiar, hardly possible, that he should be the only Catholic in a group of one hundred and fifty men. There was no regular Catholic Chaplain, but the parish church was in the town, not far away.

The following Saturday night the young apostle asked, and received permission from his superior to make an announcement in the mess hall after the evening meal. He simply, got up, announced the time and place of Mass and sat down. No sermon, no exhortation -- just a simple announcement. The next day almost half of the men -- Catholics all -- appeared at Mass. They did not have much on the ball as Catholics. They needed something, and they got it. They needed -- and got -- a word.

CHAPLAINS AND STUDENT COUNSELORS

Fr. Craddick, C.S.C., 141 Sorin Hall
(All morning until 11:30; 7:30 to 10:00 p.m.)
Fr. Simonitsch, C.S.C., 121 Breen-Phillips
(7:30 to 10:00 p.m.)
Fr. Sheedy, C.S.C., 115 Main Building.
(7:30 to 10:00 p.m.)

CONFESSIONS

During Chaplains' office hours (Press buzzer)
After Supper: Dillon - 6:45 to 7:15
Basement Chapel - 6:30 to 7:15
Cavanaugh - 6:30 to 7:15

QUOTES FROM SERVICE MEN

US Army Flying Cadet: "Isn't there some way a fellow can be made to realize that his actions are closely (if silently) watched by his non-Catholic friends at all times and that mental reservations are instantly made when he steps off the line? It gets me when we get a black eye from these Catholic lugs who are Catholics in name only."

From an N.D. man: "I still have a determined will to continue my fight for Christ in spite of ridicule. I was laughed at the first time I knelt beside my cot for night prayers, and it took some weeks before the blow of it grew off."

N.D. men carry on: "There are about one hundred N.D. men here at camp. We are having a Communion breakfast next Sunday morning."

A Soldier: "You'd be surprised to learn how easy it is to say a rosary to yourself when on guard duty, and still do a good job for Uncle Sam."

A grad of '35: "As you can readily see. I am overseas in the Middle East right now. In all my travels all over the world I can observe more than ever the real university of Notre Dame's teachings, for the only thing that means anything at all is our precious faith, and it is apparent in every corner of the globe."

MIDSHIPMEN (SPECIALISTS) AND THEIR MARRIAGE

Those who contemplate marriage on graduation at the end of the month, should be living more fervently for God. A Novena of Masses would be splendid preparation. Attend the 6:45 p.m. Mass in Dillon every evening, except Saturday and Sunday. You can receive Holy Communion before supper in Dillon between 5:15 and 6:15 p.m.

St. Paul called marriage "a great sacrament". Pray now that you will understand its greatness. You must see marriage as Christ sees it, not as a pagan world views it. The fervor and purity of your life before marriage will measure the blessings God will send you and your bride. And since marriage is not a one-sided affair, write to the wife-to-be and suggest that she start a Novena too.