

(FOR THE CATHOLIC STUDENT AT NOTRE DAME)

No time for confession  
at New Year's Mass.  
Go NOW.

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Visit the crib in  
the Church, behind  
the Main Altar.

Advise From A Former Student.

If you are not trying to do your best in your classes, you are injuring yourself and your parents. You have heard that counsel before from priests and teachers. Reflect seriously on the thoughts contained in the letter of a former student who did not take that advice to heart. He has learned the hard way. He is to be admired. He is humble enough to admit his mistake and courageous enough to rectify the injury done to himself and his parents. When you make your New Year's resolution keep this letter in mind.

"Dear Doctor: I am a waist-gunner on a B-24 Liberator. We are midway in our second phase of training which means it will only be a month or two before we go across. Already I have seen fellows killed in air crashes, and have talked to fellows who were in combat. I'm not afraid but am rather sullen about the mess I made of my college life. I now realize the mistake but hope it isn't entirely too late to make up for it.

"I was the 'good time Charlie' type at school: rather go downtown and celebrate a game than put a few minutes on the books. Maybe I was just young and foolish-in any respects, at least foolish. Then the war came and I tried to enlist but the service wouldn't take me without my parents' signatures - so I just went along in school until I failed.

"I knew I deserved it; it was my own fault. But mother and dad didn't know what was wrong. For the first time I saw where I was hurting my folks and not myself and you couldn't imagine how I felt. I want to make up my mistake and become successful for my folks.

"I may never come out of this war, a crash here or in combat. I'm surely not the one to decide. However, if I was to know you'd allow me back into the College of Science after the war, even to start over, I'd be so happy and I believe my mother and dad would be the same.

"I know I can make good as I've gotten a lot of cockiness and tomfoolery knocked out of me. If that is impossible to do, I wonder if I could get some kind of a recommendation to another school where I can start anew. I guess it has taken war to waken me up. I do hope you can do something. If there are any fellows up there who are acting the way I did, try your best to snap them out of it before it is too late and they become as hurt as I am."

Saturday (Jan.1) A Holy Day Of Obligation.

Every Catholic must assist at Mass Saturday, the Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord. There can be no more fitting manner of opening the New Year than by worshipping God perfectly through the Sacrifice of the Mass. Since there will be classes Saturday, the regular Holy Day schedule will not be in effect. Civilians are to assist at Mass in the morning January 1 in the Church. If Service Men fail to assist at Mass in the morning, they are obliged to participate in the evening Mass at 5:00 P.M. in Dillon, Cavanaugh or Zahm hall.

New Year's Masses: 6 and 6:45 A.M. (Church)  
5,6,7,8,9, A.M. (Basement Chapel)  
Service Men: Mass in your own hall chapel at 6:15 A.M.  
Sunday Masses: (Regular Schedule) 6, 6:45, 7:30, 9, and 10:10.