Meet your Chaplains and Student Counsellors: Fr. Wm. Craddick, C.S.C. in

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She Welcomes You.

Notre Dame is a school for college men. Yet a predominating influence on this campus is not a man, but a woman. This is the thought that Father Sorin, the founder of Notre Dame, did not want the students, nor the world, to forget. This is why he built the monumental Golden Dome and placed on top of it, in large proportions for all to see, the statue of the woman for whose exaltation this University was founded, Mary the Mother of our God and Savior and our mother. This is her university. Notre Dame means Our Lady. If you looked up to the Dome when you reached the campus, you saw the type of welcome she gave you - with open arms.

Registration at Notre Dame means much more than a contractual arrangement with the University for the purpose of an education. It signifies a special registration of your name and interests in the heart of the Mother of God. For every student enrolled at her school becomes the particular object of her affections and blessings. Many days do not pass before the new student becomes aware of an attraction towards her. Students who were here in previous semesters can testify with endless stories of what she has meant to them. More than once they ran to her in their troubles, and they always felt her warm and encouraging embrace when their hearts were heavy with disappointment and fear, and when their souls were fighting sin.

Every appreciative son will respond to his mother's welcome. So tell her, on bended knee, that you are happy to be here under her guiding arm. There is no better place to do this than at the Grotto of Our Lady which is behind the Church, in the open air.

Since Notre Dame means Our Lady and you are a Notre Dame man, you are Our Lady's man. You are a knight of Our Lady. When you are at the Grotto, be sure to promise the Queen of Heaven that you will live a life distinguished, bat all times and places, by charity, modesty, patience, zeal and purity of mind and body.

You won"t go wrong if you stay close to your Heavenly Mother. She will lead you to her Divine Son, and the Son will bring you to heaven where all loyal Notre Dame men will meet for the eternal homecoming - with Our Lady.

Don't say you aren't of voting age, twenty one years. You've been at the elections since you were seven years old, the year most children attain the use of reason or if you were on the precocious side, maybe you began your life of moral responsibility at the turn of five. When a child reaches the age of reason he is able to make a choice between good and evil; that's an election.

Whose side are you on now, at this moment? For whom have you cast your vote? Christ or Satan? You are on the losing side if you are playing politics with the devil. If you have made a mistake, you had better withdraw your ballot and cast a vote for Christ by a good confession tonight.

Confessions.

The incoming freshmen and new men should take notice of the confession schedule. On the Notre Dame campus it is possible to go to confession at almost any hour of the day. Confessions are heard during the Masses in the hall chapels (Look for the light in the box), during the Sunday Masses, all morning in the chapel in Sorin Hall, and all evenity in both the Sorin and Cavanaugh chapels (Press the buzzer at the door of these chapels to call the Prefect of Religion to the box.)