

Have you made your Easter
Duty? Confessions: Sorin
and Cav, all evening; Basement
Chapel at 6:30 P.M. daily.

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Sleep vs. weekday Mass.
Which wins out? Do you
ever sacrifice sleep to
hear Mass for the War
Dead?

Making The Sacred Look Silly.

Somebody in Walsh Hall "caught it" the other night. It was about seven o'clock. The bugle had sounded for the lowering of the flag. A number of students were on the quadrangle at the time. The naval students turned in the direction of the flag outside the Commerce Building and saluted, the civilians stood at attention. "Colors" were sounded and everyone looked up to watch the flag come down. It never came down - until five minutes after "Colors" had died away.

Somebody must have "caught it." Because flag lowering is not just another detail on a military reservation. It is a ceremony about which there is something sacred. There is even a sacredness about lowering the flag at the proper time, at sunset.

What happens when someone forgets to stand at attention or when a man forgets to remove his hat? One of his friends or even some stranger near him will remind him of his obligation. What happens when a man refuses to remove his headpiece as a sign of respect to the flag? It is usually knocked off, and every right minded citizen agrees that the violence is justifiable. For there is symbolism to taking the recognized position of attention at flag lowering. It is a sign of respect for the nation, and for the men and women who have suffered and died to make this country free and peaceful. The Stars and Stripes represents all that. Flag lowering is a moment of special remembrance.

There are Catholics who are praiseworthy in the respect they show Old Glory, but most negligent in the reverence they display towards the Sacrifice of the Mass. The Mass is most sacred. Through It we give praise and glory to God. It is more than a symbol. It is the sacred moment when Christ our Redeemer comes from Heaven to the altar to pray with us and for us to Our Heavenly Father. It is Christ Himself who wants us to come to Sunday Mass and to come ON TIME. Tardiness at Sunday Mass through carelessness or negligence is an offence against God. It is sinful.

And it's happening here. Are you guilty?

Beware of false prophets among you.- Those students of moral theology who claim and preach that as long as one arrives at Sunday Mass before the Offertory has begun he has escaped sin. A COMPLETE MASS must be heard on Sunday and Holy Days. Mass starts with the opening prayers at the foot of the altar. What's a few minutes of tardiness in God's eyes? There are souls in hell who will tell you that was the beginning of their life of Mass missing. There are other souls in Purgatory who are suffering because they frequently arrived late. Little offenses hurt our friends and God is our Great Friend.

Where there is love, there will be reverence. Check up on your love of God and His law requiring you to be present for Sunday Mass ON TIME.

"Kill The Umpire."

Be strong in your opinion about decisions, but be Christian. Leave savagery to the savages. Now that softball competition is back again, remember to equip yourself with good sportmanship. Carry your charity out to the ball park.

PRAYERS: (deceased) Joseph R. Smith, nephew of Father Geo. Smith, O.P., killed in action; aunt of Father Wm McNamara, C.S.C.; John Bohnsack, friend of Jack Baynham (Cav); Brother Andrew Barrett (Trappist, Gethsemani, Ky.); brother of Amundsen Barillaire (B-P); wife of C. John Forge, '28. (Ill) Fred Gleason, friend of Dave Kelly (Sor); bro-in-law of John Keegan (Cav), wounded; Sgt. Perunko, missing, friend of Sister Martina (Erie); friend of John McCarthy (Z) 2 Special Intentions.