

Confessions: at night
prayer, at morning Mass, at
6:30 P.M. daily in Basement
Chapel of the Church . . .

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Confession and consultation:
Fr. Craddick, 141 Sorin
and Fr. Simonitsch, 107 Cav.,
morning and evening.

How To Be Courageous.

Last week Father Eugene Burke addressed the new students from the stage of Washington Hall before the showing of the Rockne movie. One of his remarks seemed to strike home. Father Burke said that the foundation of true courage is in the assurance that one's soul is right with God, ready for death. Two letters recently received show the truth of Father Burke's words. The first letter was written by the mother of Jim Sheets, a member of the class of '45, of Ashland, Ohio.

"We are most grateful to our friends who have helped us to bear our loss. Jim was a grand boy - he made so many people happy, besides those of his own family. He was so happy and loyal to his religion. They tell us that before every mission Jim went to confession, received Holy Communion and a special blessing.

"The bombardier just returned from England last week and told us just what happened. On a mission over Germany the engine suddenly gave out, and on trying to get back to England they ditched in the North Sea. Everybody was conscious, but the cold was too much for Jim and six others. Jim's last words were, "Don't worry about me, I'm not afraid." It's such a great comfort to know he didn't suffer and that he was ready to meet his God. Somehow, Father, Jim is closer to me than ever. It is nice to know that he will be waiting for us when God calls us."

The second letter was written by Bob Finneran, '42, Columbus, Ohio, before he was killed.

"Please don't worry too much about me. I really don't mind India or even just being overseas. I should be back in the States within a year. And as for being killed, I am sure I'll never be more prepared to die as I am now. As a matter of fact, I pray to God not for life, but for peace of mind and freedom from the fear of death while I am living. And the thought has come to me - I believe it is an inspiration from God - that our purpose here on earth is to die and be united with Him, and death, far from being something to fear, is a cause for rejoicing in that it is a step to eternal happiness. Perhaps I sound as though I am preaching, but believe me, you can't help thinking of those things and it has been some relief to me to come to the conclusions above."

Jim and Bob had the stuff that make for courage. And you? Are you in sin, an enemy of God? You will never be able to face your day of work and play with a happy and courageous heart if you have lined yourself up against God. Get rid of sin by a good confession TODAY, and keep going to Communion. Chesterton said, with truth, that "The Eucharist makes men men."

For New Students.

Don't forget the MISSION. The services start at 7:00 p.m. sharp in the church, Tuesday and Wednesday. The upperclassmen are invited to attend. Mass and Holy Communion are an intimate part of every mission. Attend Mass in your own hall chapel.

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