

"I Am A Fraction."

"Half of me wants to be a priest -- the other half wants to be a hockey player. I am a fraction." So wrote an eighth grader recently. That's the way many young men state their problem when they begin to think seriously about a religious vocation.

It is natural and normal for a young man to feel an attraction for a vocation in the world. His father may be a business man, a mechanic, a lawyer. Why shouldn't a son, admiring his father so much, think of following him? A boy's friends in school are talking about becoming doctors, reporters and engineers. Of course the vocation-minded lad, pulled in every direction by the good and bad influences of the world, will feel somewhat "like a fraction," not completely "sold" on any one course of action.

A young man in these circumstances should do three things: pray fervently, consider carefully his qualifications and desires, seek advice from an expert, a priest, one who has been through it all himself.

Once the decision to enter the seminary has been made carefully and prayerfully, with priestly help, that decision should be adhered to through thick and thin despite perfectly normal doubts and temptations. This is the time for courage and generous willingness to "give God a chance" by testing that vocation in the proper place for testing, a seminary provided for that purpose.

Too many young men don't try their vocation. They make decisions without seeking the advice of a priest. If God seems to be calling you, go see a priest today. Priests are needed everywhere. Bishops are worried about the small number of vocations. More priests are needed here at Notre Dame. Seek counsel and pray. *

A Suggestion From An Alumnus.

"Your recent bulletin 'How To Cure Impurity' prompts me to express a thought that has been with me in recent weeks, which is simply that we should all make a special effort to pray for the grace of purity for others, particularly the young and those who are left defenseless through ignorance or lack of religious training. It is no lost motion for anyone fighting his own battle for purity to include all others in his prayers, and it would tend to produce a sane mental atmosphere."

Prayers.

(deceased) uncle of Dick Nesline (OC); Dr. William V. Healy, friend of Bob Edmondson (Ly); mother of Father Michael Mulcaire, CSC, and Gene (Dining Hall); grandmother of Don Buseck (Wal); Isabelle MacDonald, aunt of Sister Marie Elise, friend of Leo Brennan (Morr); Emile Mary, friend of Bill Graham (Far).

(Ill) Mrs Robert Schaefer, friend of Dick Klee (Dil); Bobbie Haley, son of R.J. Haley, '37; father of Stanley Insley (Morr) operation; Mrs Joseph Brennan, friend of Mike McGuirl (Wal). Eight Special Intentions.

