

8:30 Solemn High Mass for University of Notre Dame ...distributed all morning in
Feast of St. Edward--tomor- Religious Bulletin Dillon; until 9:30 in Cava'gh
row.....Holy Communion.... October 12, 1949 (Holy Hour 4:45 to 5:45 p.m.)

Founder's Day--Feast of St. Edward.

(By the way--no Bulletin tomorrow.)....Columbus and Father Edward Sorin. Has this parallel ever occurred to you? Both were providential heralds of the Kingdom of God. On the eve of the Reformation, which was to rob millions of their ancient Catholic Faith, Columbus carried to the New World the Cross that was to be torn from the temples of the old. Faith had grown weak; morals, lax. Graces rejected in Europe went to the poor Indians who had never had a chance. There were more Christians baptized in America by the middle of the 16th century than there were apostacies in Europe.

Father Sorin brought to the beautiful forest lands of northern Indiana the religious life which was intended to rejuvenate the spiritual forces of France after the Revolution. France rejected the good will of these associates of Father Sorin and expelled the religious. Their haven came to be known as the City of the Blessed Sacrament. God can bring more good out of evil, taught St. Augustine, than if he had never permitted the evil to exist.

Rejected graces on the Notre Dame campus by those who do not adjust themselves to the sacramental environment of frequent confession, daily Mass and Communion may very well be the graces that will be accepted elsewhere in the world.

Your refusal to receive the Sacrament of Penance when necessary, your laziness in not getting up for daily Mass, your foolishness in squandering untold graces of daily Communion, your carelessness in missing the Family Rosary and/or visits to the grottothese are the very graces hungry souls behind the Iron Curtain would fervently accept--if they only had the chance. (Ostriches please think!)

Dedicated Single Life.

No October adoration tomorrow. But the weekly Thursday afternoon holy hour from 4:45 to 5:45 for vocations and for the graces you need in choosing a proper state in life will be held, main church.

The single state in and by itself and apart from all other considerations is not higher than the married state. But the state of vowed virginity undertaken for God's sake is a special vocation.

Vowed virginity is a state of life higher than marriage. If a single person deliberately chooses this state in order to devote himself more perfectly to the love and service of God in the world, then that person has what may be called a dedicated single life.

The Church needs such dedicated lives. There are important apostolic works to be done for Christ and the Church which can best be done only by the unmarried and by those not bound by vows of religion. These dedicated souls may practice what has been called a new form of religious life, best realized in "The Secular Institutes."

What a consolation for those who remain unmarried to know their lives are not at all wasted, but by vowed virginity and by singular dedication of talents and abilities to the close imitation of Christ in and through the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy, they may live in a state even higher than the holy state of matrimony.

What to pray for at October adoration: conversion of Russia...the Pope...your dads, mothers, brothers and sisters...fallen-away Catholics (No Catholic neglects the sacraments or actually leaves the Church in order to live a more holy life.)....lazy classmates....Walgro Rangers....movie boo-ers....many special intentions.