

THIRD ORDER OF ST. FRANCIS
will meet Sunday, 4:00, Dil-
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Masses Sunday: 6, 7, 8, 9,
10 and 11. Confession and
Communion Dillon 7:30-8:15 A.M.

Lest We Forget.

Four students died last year: John Bellis, October 12; Ray Espenan, February 23; Jack Donahoe, March 26; Pat Thomas, May 13. . . . Bob Walsh, Howard Hall, was very much alive then. He stayed over for summer school, took sick, was flown home before summer school was over. A telegram received yesterday announced his death. Please remember him in your prayers, Masses and Communions.

And lest we forget recall what Archbishop Goodier says about dying "good and faithful servants." . . . It is a great thing to realize that in order to be saints we have only to be what God made us to be, and to do what God made us to do. If we are clever, then to be clever. If not clever, then not to be clever. If we are successful, then to be successful. If not successful, then not to succeed . . . and so on. Perfect simplicity with regard to ourselves . . . perfect peace of mind in utter self-forgetfulness.

This becomes easier the more we realize the utter greatness and goodness and all-ness of God . . . If we see the whole we shall easily despise the trifles. If we lose ourselves in God, how puny the rest appears!

This is the cure for making too much of little things, whether they go right or whether they go wrong, which is the cause of all our loss of peace of mind. This is the real test of sanctity, that simplicity of trust in God which is the perfection of human nature. In the end, when life is done and all is over, such a soul is found more precious than one which has shone in many deeds.

1. Make a great deal of God, forgetting if you can at times everything else in His presence.
2. Make nothing at all of yourselves, whether you are clever or whether you are not, whether you are loved or whether you are not, whether you succeed or whether you do not, whether you get what you desire or do not.
3. Rejoice that you are what God has made you, that those things happen which He wants to happen, that if all the world were to collapse and the very heavens were to fall there would still be the great, living, loving God.

So, if you want to sanctify yourselves: 1) Sit still often in the presence of God, lost in acts of faith, love and hope, in acts of praise, adoration and thanksgiving.

2) When the thought of yourselves and your own petty worries creeps in, sit still again in His presence, with acts of humility, contrition and oblation, telling Him in Him how small you are, how sorry you are, how you would like to be and do better.

3) When the human heart is hungry, as at times it must be, come again to the feet of God, and fill it with acts of longing for Him and His love and His glory, rather than with the little husks of self-satisfaction; fill it with acts of rejoicing in Him, and in His tremendous almightiness, such that nothing in the world really matters anything at all.

Pray like this and you shall lay the foundation on which sanctity is built. Live like this and sanctity will build itself. Die like this and you shall die "good and faithful servants."

Prayers: A friend of Harold Shelton (Alu) killed in an auto accident. A cousin of Jim Jansen (O-C) died September 13. Professor Philip Riley (Spanish Department) suffered a heart attack. John Dunne (Morrissey Hall last year) is down with polio.