

Ill, Harry Smith, friend of University of Notre Dame John Schonten, '48, seriously
Notre Dame; friend of Gene Religious Bulletin ill in Evansville; mother of
& Bill Riley wounded in Korea January 8, 1951 Prof. Tom Cassidy; and Russell
----- Van Keuren (O-O).

Congratulations, Father Peyton!

According to the Hollywood Reporter the JOYFUL HOUR video film which so beautifully portrayed the true Christmas story was seen by what is "believed to be the largest video audience ever to watch a single program; more than 35,000,000 viewers during Christmas week saw THE JOYFUL HOUR, special holiday presentation filmed by Jerry Fairbanks Production for Family Theatre."

David Wilmont Needs Your Prayers.

The Bulletin has been informed that the accident which almost killed Dave happened early New Year's morning as he was driving home alone. When his car skidded and crashed into a telephone pole, he was knocked through the windshield.

Vocations And The Draft.

Vocations to the religious life and the priesthood have always been sharply curtailed during times of national emergencies which call for military training. Young men close to draft age or actually eligible for the draft hesitate to enter a seminary to begin their studies for the priesthood because of unwarranted and oftentimes unjust criticism of the suspicious who wrongly misjudge intentions. And this in spite of the fact that vocationees have in most cases been considering the priesthood previous to the national emergency.

No seminary worth its salt has its mits out for draft-dodgers. Neither does any seminary covet being looked upon as a haven for young men afraid of military service. Statistics compiled after World War II indicated definitely that there was no sizable increase in seminary enrollment during the war years. As a matter of fact, the big increase came after the war.

War or no war, the Church needs Priests, Brothers and Sisters. Religious do not live forever. When old and feeble, they must be replaced. Because of the turmoil in Europe since 1939 vocations there to the religious life and the priesthood have been unbelievably insufficient to take care of ordinary educational and parochial needs. South America is drastically short of priests and religious too.

Religious communities in our country must bear the burden of supplying personnel for the mission fields of the world. We know of no community that is not shorthanded. Sharing in this man-power shortage is Holy Cross. In every single apostolate assigned to our Community we need many, many more priests and brothers. When you have been called into the Service and assigned to an outfit that does not have a Catholic chaplain, you will better understand what we are talking about.

"Tell It To The Marines!"

During the last war a Marine in the South Pacific battle area received a letter from his pal who was studying for the priesthood back in the States. The war news had not been good. Our troops were taking a licking. His seminary pal wanted to quit and enlist, but was advised to stay where he was in a letter that went something like this:

Dear Joe: We are killing and being killed because we are at war and have been trained to kill. You are in a place where you are not being trained to kill but to save, ~~not~~ to wage war but to live in peace. Believe me, there are countless more souls to save in this mad world than there are to kill. Stay put. When this mess is over you will have your day. Pray for us.

PRAYERS: (deceased) mother of Bro. Emanuel, CSC; father of Mr. Tom Fotusky, CSC; Mr. Callagan, '24; Mr. Robert Shenk, '11; grandmother of Frank (Wal) Law; grandfather of Joe Lang (Alu). ILL, Dennis McHugh, friend of Notre Dame; aunt of F. Law. Sp. Int. 4.