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Institute On States Of Life.

The Department of Religion, which is sponsoring the Institute on States of Life, is providing an opportunity for you to fill out an "inside straight." Information on Marriage, the Priesthood, Religious Life, Dedicated Single Life in the World will come to you from the inside and straight.

The four States of Life are four avenues, one of which you will have to travel toward the end of the road. Don't get the idea that this Institute is for the pious, because whether you are pious or impious a choice of state in life must be made.

There are some among us who seem to think they know all that is to be known about marriage. Yet many thoroughly Catholic marriages run into snags, get messed up because of ignorance, poor planning and lack of devotion.

Answers to religious surveys, conferences with thousands of young people reveal that there is an appalling lack of knowledge and even actual misinformation on just what a vocation to the religious life and the priesthood implies. You may not be entertaining any idea whatever about giving yourself to the service of God, but what about your sons and daughters when they pop the vocational question. Actual ignorance on the part of parents as to what constitutes a religious vocation has caused untold harm to promising candidates.

Wednesday night, Engineering Auditorium at 8:00 p.m., the problems involved in the State of Life called the Priesthood will be carefully discussed and analyzed.

News About Jim Aoki.

A priest friend of Jim's says that he is making splendid progress in rehabilitating himself to his permanent disability. He is very fortunate, in his unfortunate circumstances, to be at the Rocky Hill Hospital where he is getting excellent treatment.

Jim is being taught to accept the limitations of his condition, and to make use of what abilities and skills he has left, for he will never recover the use of the lower part of his body. He has partial use of his hands, but from the waist down has no control.

He is quiet and cooperative, courteous, but does find it difficult to accept his condition as final. The burden he is placing on his family seems to be his chief concern. As it would be for any of us, it is hard for him to accept the motto of the hospital: "To cease regretting what is gone, to learn to use what is left, and to thank God for the wisdom to do the first and the courage to do the second."

He receives Holy Communion daily. Prayers and letters encourage him <sup>gm</sup> greatly. There is no such institution in his home state and few in the country that it can give him the training he must have. Because Jim is an out-of-state patient he he must see to it that expenses are paid; for he is not a veteran.

This priest writes that Jim's funds will run out in April. The generous amount contributed last year by his fellow Notre Dame students and friends will not see him through the entire rehabilitation period which he desperately needs, either to get back to school or back home.

How about sacrificing the price of 4 milk shakes, or a good show, or if you pay tribute at the Shrine of Gambrinus (the inventor of beer), four beers. Just stick one of those extra greenbacks in an envelope and address it to the Bulletin--for Jim Aoki. Prayers: (deceased) mother of Frank Driscoll, '30; father of Jim Gardenno; 3 Sp. Ints.