

"Some people want a religion University of Notre Dame that gives them a glow--not a blow."

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"There are some students who get all worked up about rights but never about their duties and responsibilities."

It Is Not A Mortal Sin.

Nor is it a venial sin to remain for the Last Gospel and the prayers at the foot of the altar when the congregation prays for the conversion of Russia. Neither is there any kind of sin involved in kneeling for the priest's blessing after the distribution of Holy Communion.

Then there are some restless souls who can't wait five minutes for the priest who has been waiting five hours for them. Give the buzzer a chance to cool its heels before you "wham" it a second time.

Make Your Act Of Contrition.

Before entering the confessional. You have more time and can mean what you say. The act of sorrow is most important. Not even God will forgive a sin you are not truly sorry for. Certainly no priest can.

There is always this danger to avoid: coming to confession for absolution without a determination to amend one's life.

Gaining Wider Attention?

Students of other years have been distinguished by their fidelity in making visits to the Blessed Sacrament every night before retiring. The few times we have been delayed in Dillon--circa 11 p.m.--presented the opportunity to leave via the chapel. It's a sight for tired eyes to see a good number of boys praying alone and in silence before the Blessed Sacrament. These are the kids who go to bed with an easy conscience--and there is no better pillow on which to sleep.

Was Lent A Success?

Time will tell. . . and so will eternity. We have to thank God for the number of strange faces at the Communion rail. On the other hand, there were some faces missing. Some we know by sight; some we'll never know.

What they come to Notre Dame for is on the other side of the hill for us. Just to train their minds? "The pursuit of wisdom," some say. Well, the wise boys better start making some distinctions. All the acquired wisdom in the world won't save their souls.

But wisdom as a gift of the Holy Ghost perfects your understanding so that you can judge all things according to divine standards, to a divine set of values. It is this "God's point of view" that all of us need today.

This gift of the Holy Ghost comes and leaves with the state of grace. Very often the judgments of uneducated persons are more in line with the mind of God than the judgments of trained minds which lack this divine gift.

When you get down to it, it depends upon what you are pursuing: baseballs on sunny afternoons, good times on weekends, girls on roller skates, better jobs and less hard work. In the midst of all this hurry and chase, this sweat and excitement, an important question will have to be answered--sometime. . . some day: What will become of me?

How much you are going to get out of life is not so important as how you are going to get into eternal life.

Prayers: (deceased) Mrs. Sally Fisher, benefactress of the University; Tim Moynihan, '30. Ill: Sister M. Claudius, B.V.M. 5 special intentions.