

University of Notre Dame

Tomorrow: Note that it is a holiday, and that Late Communion...

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will terminate at 9:30 in Dillon, Howard, and Cavanaugh chapels.

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Look At This:

In Belfast, Northern Ireland, a first class political row has arisen over 13 council workmen of Enniskillen, all Catholics, who were fired from their jobs for taking time off on New Year's day to attend Mass. The 13 have been refused unemployment benefits for "industrial misconduct" and are living on national assistance funds. They left work through a misunderstanding, believing the council's timekeeper had given them permission to leave. Joseph Stewart, anti-partitionist, said that no public body in the north would dare dismiss men who took time off to attend meetings of the Orange order. He asked that these men be re-instated. But the council refused.

At Notre Dame -- on any Sunday morning, you will find about three hundred men, all able-bodied men, with no work at all to do -- save to roll out of their beds within the shadow of the church itself -- tripping into Mass late. Once arrived, they stand idly, gazing about for some diversion, when they ought to be following the Mass with a missal. The spectacle adds nothing to the stature of a university mind in a Catholic atmosphere.

Try to keep the Irish in Northern Ireland away from Mass-- and you'll have a good fight on your hands, cost what it may !

Try to keep the Irish of Notre Dame -- Fighting Irish, that is -- away from Mass on Sunday morning ! Well, sir, you'll find they're pushovers!! Not all of them mind you; but far too many. For, after all, even one of this kind is too many.

Lent is upon us. And one of the first and best resolutions we can make is to do well those things we are already commanded to do -- before taking on additional tasks in an effort to please God, and whittle down our Purgatory.

Gangway For God!

Obviously, the church on campus cannot contain all of us at any one Mass. Hence, we asked the Freshmen to assist at the earlier Masses, leaving the 10 and 11 services for Juniors and Seniors, and sleepy Sophomores. Freshmen who have honored this request are good sports. Next year, they will expect the same consideration from future Freshmen. And it is a fair arrangement. Freshmen who insist on coming to the late Masses might remember that there are 1400 off-Campus men who find it very difficult to get to the earlier Masses. In your Lenten program, save a little space for courtesy.

Novena Devotions Tonight.

Novena Devotions will take the place of the usual Lenten series held on Wednesday evenings. A 10-minute talk within the Novena during Lent will dwell on the Passion of Our Lord. Services begin at 6:45, and will terminate at 7:30.

Those of you who have been remiss in cultivating devotion to the Mother of God might very well pull yourselves together and make up for lost time by attending the Novena. What better time for introduction to the Sorrowful Mother than Lent! Begin it tonight. These are days for meditating on the Stabat Mater. Chances are you can use a little of Her help in your daily life. And what of your family and their needs ? To get a birds-eye view of Her versatility, take a look at Her litany; there you will get an adequate idea of Her powerful intercession.

Tomorrow Morning -- get up for Mass as scheduled in your hall.