

Copies of the new
Papal Encyclical...

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... available at the sac-
risty in Sacred Heart
Church.

Timetable For Crime

You were saddened, last week, at the death of the little boy in Kansas City; and you were shocked to learn the details of the kidnapping, death, and burial of the child. The characters involved in the crime, you thought, were the lowest of the low. Punishment, your sense of justice tells you, should be swift and severe.

This is only one example of conduct in the "enlightened" era in which we live. J. Edgar Hoover has just come out with his Uniform Crime Reports for the January-June interim. It is a terrifying picture of increasing lawlessness. Put a stop-watch on the report, and this is what you get:

One murder every 40.3 minutes.
One rape every 29.4 minutes
One robbery every 8.8 minutes
One aggravated assault every 5.71 minutes
One burglary every 1.12 minutes
One larceny every 25.6 seconds
One auto theft every 2.31 minutes

As a nation we're all hot and bothered about, and willing to spend billions for, national security. We're worried about attacks from without, and subversion from within. No one seems to be too much concerned about our moral fiber.

Mr. Hoover and his FBI are not the most ill-informed group in the nation, you know. He thinks we are now reaping the vicious fruits of godlessness in our homes, in our schools, and in our social life. He senses a severe need for a return to God and the observance of the Ten Commandments. He thinks that religion should play a vital role in the education of youth. He has more statistics to prove that lawless children come from lawless homes.

All this information should be eminently pleasing to the Supreme Court and to Mrs. McCollum -- whose combined effort succeeded in promoting education without religion. A great victory, wasn't it !

Notre Dame, on the other hand, is still devoting many hours to religion, to the Mass, and to the Sacraments. More and more we are convinced, and so will you be, that it isn't exactly a waste of time. By your own lives you will give ample evidence, we hope, of the contribution that Catholic education has made to the American way of life. Someday, our lawmakers may grow ashamed of themselves for kicking little parochial schoolchildren off school busses, thus making them walk miles to an education that fashioned them into solid citizens.

You And Culture

The "Festival of the Arts" being presented this week by the College of Arts and Letters should hold some interest for you. No matter that you are in Commerce or Engineering, get over to the new O'Shaughnessy building, and take a look at your Christian heritage, and listen to one or two lectures by men who know whereof they speak. It won't hurt you to dip into the refinement of our civilization. It will give you some idea of the length and breadth of a complete Notre Dame mind. It is not exactly odd for an educated man to have somewhat of an appreciation for art, and music, the drama, and God. These are all elements that can enrich your lives after you come home from the daily grind and hum-drum of the factory or the office. Mind you, there are no fees for this excursion into the realm of culture!

Ill: mother of John Glenski of Cavanaugh; friend of Larry Ash of Alumni; George
McCarthy, '49.