

Yesterday -- we started  
a little private Novena  
for success in the ...

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... coming examinations. If  
you missed the Thursday start,  
you can pick it up tomorrow.

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Politeness In The Pews

At the Domine Non Sum Dignus, you will recall that the server rings the bell. In large churches, where the voice of the priest is not heard distinctly, there is need for calling the attention of the congregation to the essential parts of the Mass.

The Domine Non Sum Dignus bell is also the signal for you to approach the rail to receive Communion. Once the rail is filled, all others should remain in their pews until the priest begins to distribute Communion.

The point to remember: Everyone should be kneeling when the priest turns, faces the congregation, and recites the various prayers -- the second of which has the efficacy of remitting venial sin.

During the Consecration, no one should move about the church, go to confession, or do anything other than remain kneeling wherever he happens to be. The warning bell is the signal for you to kneel, wherever you happen to be at the moment. During the elevation, you should look up at the host and at the chalice, and make an act of Faith in the Real Presence. That's the very purpose of this rubric in the Mass -- to show God to the faithful. Indeed, in early England, people used to say: "Have you seen God today?" instead of asking: "Have you been to Mass today?"

For Communion outside of Mass, the same procedure should be employed -- kneeling while the priest recites the prayers before distribution. And, if only a few receive, they should remain at the rail until after the Blessing which terminates the brief ceremony. Furthermore, the faithful should approach, and depart from, the Communion rail with hands folded reverently.

Sunday Morning Reminders

An earlier Bulletin reminded you of the dignity that accompanies your neat appearance at Sunday Mass in Sacred Heart Church; that the early Masses are for the Freshmen; and that this arrangement is necessary to accommodate the Upperclassmen at the later Masses. To date, many Freshmen have ignored this show of courtesy.

Since coming late to Sunday Mass is not only an occasion of scandal, and a failure to fulfill your obligation, but also a real distraction to others whose attention is centered on the sanctuary -- ushers have been instructed to request all stragglers to take places quietly in the rear. Lateness is already out of line; do not add to it the crime of distracting the congregation by your parading through the church, or into the sanctuary. Remain quietly near whatever door you entered. Once Mass has started, we want no one moving through the church.

Confession at the Sunday Masses is a convenience intended primarily for the students who live off-campus, and who may not have another opportunity, as do you, with facilities in your hall chapels both morning and evening every day during the week. It would, therefore, be a gracious gesture on your part if you made your confession at some time other than at the Sunday Masses.

Recollection This Sunday: In Radin Hall Chapel, beginning with Mass at 8 a.m., followed by a conference at 9:30, and another conference with Benediction at 11 a.m., under the direction of Father Robert Pelton, C.S.C. All students are invited to participate in this half-day of recollection.

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Tonight at 6:45 in Sacred Heart Church -- Novena to the Sorrowful Mother.

PRAYERS - Deceased: Bill Donley, '26; grandmother of Sam Glorioso of Dillon, Ill; mother of Andrew McRoberts of Dillon; wife of Dan Minahan, '51.