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For Juniors Especially

It's amazing how many people in our day meet with sudden death!

Equally amazing is the percentage of Notre Dame men in this group! In fact, there's hardly a major accident in which we are not represented. For example: take the TWA-United tragedy -- the worst in aviation history -- or the Venezuelan crash off the Jersey coast. Both happened a few weeks ago. In both we were well represented.

Highway fatalities, claiming our fraternity, are too numerous to mention. It seems that the higher the mechanical excellence in our day, the greater the slaughter.

Last Saturday night, Jack Simon, '38, slipped into two feet of water at a neighboring lake. He broke his neck and died suddenly.

But death -- even sudden death -- isn't so terrible, not if you live right. It's axiomatic that, "as a man lives, so shall he die."

Hence, the really sharp N.D. man isn't necessarily the man on the Dean's List. He's the fellow who has insurance for this life, and for Eternity. He's the fellow who, if Death suddenly grabbed him by the lapel, wouldn't have a thing to worry about.

This is the first lesson that Notre Dame teaches us each autumn -- that if you're not educated for Eternity, you're lacking in the most important fundamental of all. If she didn't, Notre Dame would be a poor schoolmaster.

But Notre Dame always puts first things first. That's why she begins each scholastic year with a Class Mission. Miss the Mission, and you could very well skip the most important part of your schoolyear -- the part that offers and insures you an Eternity of infinite happiness.

Tonight, then, we begin the Junior Mission under the direction of Father Joseph D. Barry, C.S.C. He's a former Army chaplain, pastor, and now Junior Class Chaplain. Most of you know him well -- he's been dispensing kindness and counsel, besides the Sacraments, for many years. His varied experience provides an excellent background for some worthwhile talks to you. He's had more than his share of encounters with life and death, sudden and otherwise. Furthermore, the mission schedule is geared for your convenience -- evening services at 6:45, with Morning Mass and instruction at 6:45 a.m. Tonight, there will be 10 confessors available for those of you who still have summer problems on your conscience. Our ideal is that every man start the scholastic year in the state of grace. At Notre Dame we can make that possible in a very few minutes. It's the one way to start the year profitably -- to be prepared for any eventuality. Notre Dame puts first things first. See that you do, too. Be in Sacred Heart Church tonight at 6:45. The Mission terminates Saturday morning with the Papal Benediction.

Do You Know That ---

...There's a 5:30 a.m. Mass daily in Dillon chapel for those leaving the campus on field trips, or business, or early workers?...That every hall chapel has morning and evening confessions?... That Communion is distributed in Howard and Cavanaugh until 9:30 a.m., and in Dillon at 10-minute intervals throughout the entire morning ? ... That it's best to receive Communion during Mass, but permissible at other times if you're in a rush?... That Mass and Communion are still the best means to sanctity?

PRAYERS REQUESTED: Deceased: Francis Biagi, '40; cousin of Charles Koehler of Dillon. mother of Prof. Edmund Smith. (Com.). Ill: Leonard A. Donahue, '32; James Crowley, '25.