

University of Notre Dame
Religious Bulletin

To The Off-Campus Students

By this time, you have seen the signs about the campus, announcing the appointment of Father Joseph D. Barry, C.S.C. as your official Chaplain. For a long time you have been quasi-orphans -- without rector or prefect, or advisor -- doing the best you could. Occasionally, you may have dropped in to see the Prefect of Religion, or one of the Class Chaplains. From now on you have a priest whose first and most important work is your own welfare. Make it a point to drop in and get acquainted with him. The Junior Classes of the past few years found him very helpful under all manner of circumstances. His years in a parish, his military career as chaplain, and his experience here on campus have all fitted him to be of real service to you. Here is another instance in which the University is making a real effort to see that you who live off-campus get the spiritual help that is the very core of a genuine Notre Dame education. Make the most of this opportunity.

Daily Schedule

The regular chapel for all off-campus students is Dillon Hall. Beginning with a daily Mass at 5:45 a.m., confession and Communion facilities are available throughout the morning -- and again in the evening from 6 until 8. Father Barry hears confessions, and distributes Communion daily from 9:30 until 11:00 a.m. In the evenings, he hears confessions in the Basement Chapel from 6 until 6:35.

Father Barry's office is in the Student Center. He's there daily from 11 until 12 in the morning; and from 1 until 3:30 in the afternoons; and from 7 until 9 in the evenings. We mention these hours that you may know where to find him. Sometimes a problem pops up that requires prompt attention. He's available daily at these hours. Make the most of his sound and kind advice. And remember this: He's a shepherd, not a sheriff. Whatever matters you discuss with him go no farther. He deals in matters of conscience, and treats them as confidential. All young men from time to time have problems of conscience; and that is why the University authorities have assigned him to this particular work. Whatever may bother you is very important to him; and most of the time two heads (yours and his) are better than one.

Another thing -- do you have any suggestions that, you think, will be of help to the off-campus group? Father Barry will welcome pointers from you who know best what problems beset you; and what elements would enhance his spiritual program. He wants to know how he can be of real help to you. Drop in and get acquainted with him. You will find him one of the most genuine friends you ever made at Notre Dame. Strictly speaking, we have never had an Off-Campus Chaplain before; and that's why Father Barry is especially eager that you help him formulate a program that would be of most value to you. He intends to send you a Bulletin occasionally. Tell him what is uppermost in your minds, regarding subject matter. He will appreciate your suggestions.

Meantime, you can pick up the regular Religious Bulletins at the pamphlet rack in Dillon Hall, or in the Dillon chapel vestibule. Read them, because they help you keep abreast of activities on campus -- in which you also have a part. And don't overlook the Religious Survey just published, because it gives you a good insight into the minds of 900 students picked at random -- their attitudes and problems regarding their spiritual life. They speak their own minds; they tell their likes and dislikes, their reactions and suggestions. You'll find you have a lot in common with them. Father Barry has copies in his office. Get one, read it; and return it. Only a limited number of copies are available.

Remember the Holy Hours on Thursday at 4:45; the Novens on Friday at 6:45.