

University of Notre Dame

Religious Bulletin

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

Confessions tomorrow after-
noon in Sacred Heart Church,
4:30 until 5:30.

A Potpourri For Your Lenten Diet

The 8 o'clock Mass in Sacred Heart Church, this Sunday, will be offered by Most Reverend Leo F. Pursley, Bishop of Fort Wayne, who will also deliver the sermon. The pews off the middle aisle will be reserved for the Pan-American delegates who meet on campus this weekend.

Only Seniors are permitted to attend Mass in their halls on Sunday mornings. Mass is offered at 10 o'clock, with a sermon and a collection. All other students are directed to Sacred Heart Church. The idea behind the regulation is this: get used to getting out of the house on Sunday morning and going to your parish church. All week in the chapels we come and go as we wish. But on Sunday we are obligated to a full Mass. You are expected to dress as becomes the occasion -- your Sunday best. The dignity of the occasion warrants it!

For Sunday entertainment, this week, we recommend highly the Loyola Community Theatre Players who will present "The Show-Off" at 3 o'clock (50¢) and at 8 o'clock (\$1.50) in the John Adams Auditorium (South Twyckenham Drive). It's a benefit sponsored by the Lay Family of Holy Cross for the seminarians, and just enough to take the dullness out of a South Bend Sunday afternoon. Tickets will be on sale at the door.

The Bengal Bouts are coming up next week -- another fine campus activity and entertainment. Hence, don't "pass the buck" -- give it for the Notre Dame men in Bengal. Let it be the buck you would have spent in town on other entertainment. Whether or not you have time for the bouts, you most certainly have time for this charity. Almsgiving, you know, is a form of charity; and charity is an approved form of penance and can be used to cover a multitude of our shortcomings. Some of you started off Ash Wednesday in a gallop of high resolve for Lent, but got stalled shortly afterward. Others of you never left the post. Remember this: he's a poor Notre Dame man indeed, who can't afford one "buck" for the other gallant Notre Dame men on God's mission frontiers!

Keep Next Weekend Available -- for the closed Senior Retreat, and for the campus-wide Weekend of Recollection. It's the mid-Lent check-up time. Some need encouragement to continue along the path of self-denial; others, to recall that nothing has happened to them since Ash Wednesday. Make something of next weekend, and you won't come up to Easter empty-handed. A weekend of recollection will show you just where you stand.

The Revolving-Door Saints whose preparation for, reception of, and thanksgiving after Holy Communion is accomplished in no time flat might recall that the fruits of Communion depend in large measure on our dispositions. The proper dispositions are cultivated by preparation and thanksgiving, and so take a little time. Allow yourselves a quarter of an hour for this very important part of your day. You'll be the richer for this reverence shown to Our Lord!

A Proper Confession also results from a little moment of prayer, examination of conscience and a fervent effort to dispose ourselves to sorrow and a firm purpose of amendment in our daily lives.

Practice Will Power. The campus used to be a thing of beauty, when men walked the paths of concrete. You can help restore this beauty by avoiding the lawns -- much as you do at home. Respect for property is a sign of maturity, and you're getting to be big boys now -- or so you tell the bartender downtown. Hence, stay off the lawns; stay on the walks!