

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

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Sunday: All Masses start
promptly. Make sure that
you do the same!

Church Unity Octave Begins Tomorrow

Tomorrow afternoon at 5:15 in Dillon Chapel, we begin the daily service which has for its objective the return of all branches of Christianity to unity under the Vicar of Christ. It will be a brief service consisting of Benediction, plus the recitation of a Prayer for Unity, and will last about 10 minutes. Each year, this eight-day service is held at Notre Dame between the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter at Rome and the Conversion of St. Paul (January 18-25). On Sunday evening, the prayer for unity will be recited at the Benediction (7 p.m.) in Sacred Heart Church. The annual observance is under the direction of Mike Crowe, Student Senate Spiritual Commissioner. Drop in, each evening on your way to dinner. This is the reason for the service being held in Dillon chapel -- its convenience for West side diners.

Query: Are there many lapsed Catholics?

Reply: The best and most accurate answer to this query is the results disclosed by the recent state-wide Catholic census taken in Wisconsin. The canvassers called on a total of 819,875 homes. Among this number, they found 329,015 Catholic families, 385,695 non-Catholic families with various church affiliations, and 66,078 families who had no church ties.

The really disturbing revelation was that a total of 48,655 families indicated they were Catholics at one time, but no longer practiced their faith.

If we regard Wisconsin as a fairly reliable cross-section of the nation, we get an adequate idea of the leakage prevalent in our day in our own country.

Maybe you don't have to go to Wisconsin to think of lapsed Catholics -- maybe you have some in your own neighborhood, perhaps in your own family! These are the days to pray for them, no less than for heretics. Indeed, we know of a few here on the campus who will benefit from the charity of your prayers.

The Lesson Of Sudden Death

When death comes suddenly, and finds one fully prepared, its lesson is intended for those who need it. Ray Bulleri's death at Christmas time was just such a reminder, and should have hit many right between the eyes and set them to thinking, and sent them to the Sacraments. Some Notre Dame men made light of the mission last fall; some even evaded the Sacraments at Christmas. This death of Ray Bulleri was God's mission to them.

Unfortunately, not all deaths of Notre Dame men are so happy. We know of a hard-drinker, at school and at home, who not many years ago shot himself, dying instantly. We know another instance of a Notre Dame man, divorced and re-married, who was killed instantly when his car overturned. Then, there was the case of one married outside the Church who was buried by the Masons not long ago. Still another, mixed up in three marriages, was shot by a fourth woman, and died instantly.

Would sudden death find you prepared? Have you been to confession since returning from the Holidays? This is not gloom-spreading -- just common sense. This is the game in which we play for big stakes. This is even bigger than the Dean's List!

PRAYERS REQUESTED - Deceased: Robert Scott Lewis, '56 - killed instantly last week while attempting a jet landing at Pensacola. Very ill: Terry Donley (lukemia).
