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## The FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

the Catholic youth of America are invited to participate in the Fifth Annual National Catholic Youth Communion Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King, October 26, by receiving Holy Communion. In the face of vast scientific advancement in the fast-moving world of today, it is essential that every youth keep spiritual values in proper perspective. Therefore, join with over seven million of your fellow youth who will be united in this fine spiritual undertaking, an undertaking that will serve to focus attention on the relationship of "Youth, Space and Sanctity."



HERE AT NOTRE DAME WE OUGHT TO HAVE A 100% TURN-OUT FOR HOLY COMMUNION IN

THE MORNING AND AT THE GROTTA ROSARY DEVOTIONS AT 7:00 IN THE EVENING. BE SURE YOU ARE THERE ALONGWITH YOUR ROOM MATE. THERE IS NO BETTER WAY TO OBSERVE THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING AND TO CONCLUDE THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY AND THE FALL FESTIVAL.

## Religious Bulletin Anniversary

NOW IN ITS 38th YEAR

Today is the Religious Bulletin's anniversary. It was 37 years ago today that the then Prefect of Religion, Father John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., pecked out and tacked up the first Bulletin in the seven residence halls. In writing of the Bulletin's origins, the founder (and present Archbishop of Philadelphia) remarked a few years ago

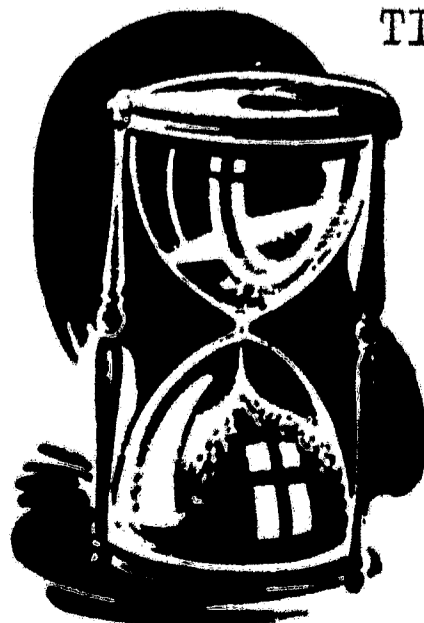
it was started during the fall mission to call attention "in a whimsical fashion, to certain irregularities that had come under observation." He continued that "other irregularities occurred the next day and brought forth another Bulletin."

After the mission was over, the Bulletin ceased publication; but the students clamored for more. At first it came out only two or three times a week; but, in a short time, because of the demand, it was published every day except Saturday and Sunday.

Until 1931, only 150 copies were printed each day. Some were posted on campus bulletin boards and the remainder were made available to those desiring copies. As with the initial publication, the demand exceeded the supply; and, in 1931, door-to-door distribution was instituted.

PRAYERS REQUESTED: Deceased: Uncle of Bill Coulson of Vetville; father of Ed Kunkle, '48; Paul J. Smith, '15. Ill: Grandmother of Ron Blubaugh of Pangborn; uncle of John McLaughlin of Cavanaugh; uncle of Richard Juliani of Badin.

DON'T FORGET TO TURN BACK YOUR HOUR-GLASS BEFORE RETIRING SATURDAY NIGHT. IN THE WEE HOURS OF SUNDAY WE RETURN TO STANDARD TIME AND PICK UP THE HOUR WE LOST LAST SPRING.



✓ SORROWFUL MOTHER NOVENA 6:45 P. M., TONIGHT



GREAT AMERICANS--LEGENDARY OR FICTIONAL.

This, I understand, is the theme agreed upon to provide unity and eliminate duplication in the hall decorations contest this week-end. And, while most of these figures are borrowed from the comic strip, still in addition to the Magoos and the Beetle Baileys there is perhaps sufficient reason for suggesting that equally as humorous and legendary is the social engineer or the utopian reformer whose vision is sometimes less than 20-20 and whose personal ambition is sometimes as crippling as two left feet. For such a one you might suggest that it would be beneficial for him to go back and read Commander Shea's letter to his son, in which he admonished the youngster, "Be a good Catholic, and you can't help being a good American."

BEING A GOOD CATHOLIC does not necessarily mean being a reformer or a critic, except perhaps being a reformer or critic of oneself, in order that one might be better adapted to fulfill his role in God's redemptive plan, better able to strengthen in himself the Christian life.

FOR, A GREAT LOT OF GOOD could be accomplished for God and the Church, temporally and eternally, if we would but realize what is our inescapable duty as Christians. Our mission is both creative and redemptive; to return to God and complete the cycle of creation, and to raise creation to the divine level--to unite humanity to Christ and lead it to God.

UNDERSTANDING WHAT FORM our duty as Christians takes today is important for a proper observance of the Feast of Christ the King. A world growing to adulthood calls for an adult Christianity. The adult Christian is strong in his faith, lives an intense spiritual life, and has a profound under-

standing of supernatural truth. The danger that many of today's would-be social engineers fall into is this. Often, they will not have a clear view of the Church, and the dimensions of its Christianity. Such a one must first understand that he belongs to the people of God, and that there are responsibilities which flow from this fact. And he must begin to sanctify the world by sanctifying himself. We are never going to become saints until: 1) we realize we belong to the Church which is a living body; 2) that we belong to the people of God--a dynamic community advancing together to God; and 3) that we must engage the major problems of the world in which we live. Later, we will take up each of these points in turn.

FOR THE PRESENT, let me just call your attention to these words of Mouroux:

"The temporal is a wounded reality which must be loved with a redemptive love. We are not only permitted, we are commanded to love God's creatures, and man's efforts and joys; we must do so to grow like Christ and to do our duty. The Christian loves the temporal because it helps him to God. The Christian is not a coward who fears death, nor a weakling who does not dare to face the fight, nor is he vanquished. He is a clear-headed and determined man who knows that everything must be purified, nature, work, love, man himself, and that Christ is capable of purifying it all."<sup>14</sup>

TO GIVE THE WORLD the life of Christ it so sorely needs; to join with others in building a just world; and with the Church, to Christianize the world; to cooperate with God in restoring Christ to creation through grace. This is what it means to be Catholic men, devoted to Christ the King.

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