

# RELIGIOUS BULLETIN

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## REMEMBER

The usual schedule of Masses in Sacred Heart Church will be continued up to and including Friday, June 1st. Seniors, who will be away and returning for graduation, would do well to make a note of this, since Friday, June 1st, is the First Friday of the month. On Saturday, June 2nd, the only late morning Mass will be at 11:30 in Sacred Heart Church. The Senior Class Last Visit to Sacred Heart Church will be at 9:00 o'clock that morning, so those Seniors wishing to attend Mass that morning should arrange to attend an early Mass either in their own hall or in Dillon hall.

## THOSE FIGURES

Once in a while, the local paper comes up with a worthwhile numerical figure (that offsets its seeming pre-occupation with the female figure) and thereby justifies its existence. Such a figure was the one given in last night's edition. Quoting the number of students who have been arrested since September, the report raises a question or two in the minds of many about how well the moral and spiritual fibre of the student body is holding up. This is understandable. As the incidence of civil disobedience rises in a community it sometimes reflects a weakening of moral fibre and a lessening of its spiritual fervor. Not always, it's true; but often. And, you may be sure that this question will be raised many times during the summer by your parents, the alumni in your area, and friends. Has there been a decline in the long-standing practices that were regarded as reflecting the fervor of the Notre Dame student? Has the over-all conduct of the student here been such as to reflect a better grasp and practice of the moral virtues, or not? The best way to answer these questions is to begin with oneself. If one's own performance has been poorer or below-standard, let him take care lest his condition worsen over the summer. And, let him shape up quickly when he returns in September. If one's performance has been better than that of the previous year, be grateful for the graces received and keep up the effort. Whether better or worse, though, try to determine why. And, if time permits, write and tell us.

## NEW CARS

Since so many cars today seem built with "break-away" features built-in, we remind Seniors once more that they should arrange for having new cars blessed at the Chaplain's Office in Dillon. And for all of you who will be driving during the summer, one last reminder about the self-discipline necessary to insure conforming with the established rules. There are four areas where self-discipline must be exercised: 1. Speed; 2. rules of the road; 3. alcoholic drinking; and 4. knowledge of safe-driving practices. And also keep in mind the virtues of charity and courtesy when you get behind the wheel.

## IN YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for the following. Deceased: Mother of Al Hermann of Vetville; cousin of Rev. John Lubbers, C.S.C.; Varnum A. Parish, '08; John O. Tuohy, '26; William A. Hovey, '52; Frank Andrysiak. Ill: Father of Rev. Ferdinand Brown, C.S.C.; mother of Mike Glow of St. Edward's; father of John DeFalco, Off-Campus; mother of Len Kahler of the Athletic Office. Three special intentions.

While in parts of Russia we hear they're complaining about "religious intoxication", we're not having any such problems in this country. In fact, we're convinced that the struggle for perfection is going to continue to be just that--a struggle--for a long time to come. That's one of the reasons why we gather the graduates together for one last visit to the church during Commencement Week each year, to encourage them to make similar visits on their own and to pray in similar fashion for themselves. And, typical of the prayers offered on that occasion is the following one

### *Prayer for Graduates*

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who before ascending into Heaven, didst promise to send the Holy Spirit, to finish Thy work in the souls of the Apostles and disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to these graduates! Grant that they may perfect in their souls the work of Thy Grace and Love.

Give them the *Spirit of Wisdom*, that they may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire to things Eternal;

Give them the *Spirit of Understanding*, to enlighten their minds with the Light of Thy divine truth;

Bestow upon them the *Spirit of Counsel*, that they may always choose the surest way of pleasing the Divine Master;

Endow them with the *Spirit of Fortitude*, that they may bear their crosses in this life and overcome all obstacles that oppose their Faith, their Church and their Country;

Enrich them with the *Spirit of Knowledge*, that they may know God better and know themselves and grow perfect not only in worldly science, but in the Science of Saints;

Bless them with the *Spirit of Piety*, that they may render a manly and amiable service not only to their God, but to their fellow men;

Bestow upon them the *Spirit of Fear*, that they may be filled with a loving reverence for the things of God and a holy respect for all of His Creatures, that they may dread in any way, and at all times, displeasing the Creator of all mankind;

Animate them, in all things, with the true Spirit of Christian Charity. Keep them always loyal and true alumni, faithful in the fulfillment of all their duties—a credit to their Alma Mater, Amen!