

# RELIGIOUS BULLETIN

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## WEEKEND REFLECTIONS

The busy, noisy, jumping weekend is over: hootenannies, professional and amateur; the Old-Timers:Varsity football game; a few girls anyway, if not 168,000 invited; dances, formal and informal, in-door and out-door; "The Four Winds"; picnic lunches; the first weekend of the

"Fantasticks"; the Clancy Brothers; fireworks; the Military Mass; Freshman Communion breakfast; the annual President's Review; awarding of the Laetare Medal to Admiral Anderson. Everyone seems to have survived -- physically perhaps a bit worse for wear; spiritually ??? (Optimistically we hope for the best.)

One observation: at the pre-Clancy Brothers warm-up on the banks of St. Mary's Lake, a student announcer encouraged the audience, jestingly, of course, to be uninhibited "because none of the Fathers are watching." Most of the Fathers were at dinner, but one was watching -- not spying -- watching at a respectable distance, but certainly within the view of anyone who looked in his direction.

Now the point is, the motive for being uninhibited "because none of the Fathers are watching" is far below the ideal we hope Notre Dame students, Christian gentlemen, are developing. "Uninhibited" can mean many things. If it means relaxed, legitimate diversion, students need not be embarrassed if the Fathers see them. If it means vulgar display or actions which if not sinful could perhaps lead to sinful excesses, a Notre Dame student, a Christian student, should refrain, not because a Father might be watching, but because it is beneath the dignity of a Christian, is unworthy of a child of God.

This little point has wide applications. Sophisticated college students may think it childish to revert to such motives for virtue as the presence of one's Guardian Angel or the omnipresence of God. "Your Guardian Angel is watching;" or "God sees you." But it is one's Christian duty to live up to the dignity conferred in Baptism. De facto, by the grace of God Christians are different -- we can't say essentially different, but we can say accidentally by that very important accident of God's life within us.

Now God's life within us must be made manifest. To use a popular phrase, we must become Christian witnesses. Or to use another modern ex-

## DAILY MARIAN CONSECRATION



My Queen, my Mother, I give myself entirely to thee. And to show my devotion to thee, I consecrate to thee this day my eyes, my ears, my heart, my lips, my whole being without reserve. Wherefore, good Mother, as I am thine own, keep me, guard me, as thy property and possession.

pression, we must be existentially different. We as Christians establish ideals, modes of action, standards of morality. We establish; we do not slavishly follow, and adapt to, and compromise with ideals and standards set up by a pagan society.

"By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, that you have love one for another" -- love that unites, love that gives support, love that bolsters the Christian ideal, love that builds -- does not tear down -- the Christian image in each individual.

Virtue should not have to hide, to slink down to the Grotto at night, to make excuses for praying. On a Christian college campus virtue should be essential to the image -- as bermudas and sneakers are in a more superficial order.

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Note in Passing: In Bermuda the natives don't wear bermudas to Mass.

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Confirmation

Bishop Pursley will administer the sacrament of Confirmation to an adult group on June 2, at 8:00 p.m., in St. Matthew's Co-Cathedral in South Bend.

If you haven't been confirmed, you have an obligation to receive the sacrament. The date, Sunday evening, June 2, is inconvenient, we admit. Exams will be on, and some, with lucky examination schedules, will already be on the way home. But the sacrament should not be postponed, and it would be hardly a grave inconvenience to take out an hour for the reception of the sacrament when many hours, even this late in the semester, are being spent far less profitably.

See the University Chaplain, 117 Dillon Hall, some time within this week to make arrangements to join the adult Confirmation group being confirmed at St. Matthew's Co-Cathedral on June 2.

Sister Gilberta

Sister Gilberta, C.S.C., one of the Sisters at the Students' Infirmary, died suddenly Sunday afternoon. She was attending the matinee performance of "The Fantasticks" when she began to feel ill. She left at intermission, but got only as far as the Main Building where she died just outside the Freshman Year Office.

Sister Gilberta had been ill several months ago, but she had apparently recovered. When she arose for her meditation yesterday morning, she could hardly have suspected that May 12 would be the day of her death. And Sister Gilberta, by present day standards, was not old.

She was anointed by Father Brown and may already be enjoying the rewards of her devoted service to Holy Cross and to Notre Dame. Nevertheless, for her devotion to Notre Dame students, she deserves a remembrance in your prayers and Masses.

In Your Charity

Please pray for the following. Deceased: grandfather of Ed Dasso of Keenan; aunt of Ed Fatur of Dillon; Donald Brockman, '49 (killed May 5). Ill: Sister Aurelius of the Students' Infirmary; father of Father Howard Kuhns of Breen-Phillips Hall.