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FORTY-FOUR YEARS AGO this fall (you will notice that this is Vol. XLIV of the RELIGIOUS BULLETIN) John Cardinal O'Hara, then Father O'Hara, Prefect of Religion at Notre Dame, put out the first RELIGIOUS BULLETIN. It was barely a half page of type containing some pointed remarks and statistics about student participation in the annual fall mission. In fact, it was called Mission Bulletin. Posted on bulletin boards around the campus, it was so popular, reflecting as it did Father O'Hara's profound insights into human nature (especially late adolescent and early adult male human nature) expressed with such wit and poignancy, that when the mission ended students clamored for more bulletins. Father O'Hara met the student demand, and so the RELIGIOUS BULLETIN came into being.

This point of history is brought to your attention because the first BULLETIN of this year is calling attention to two upperclassman missions which will be conducted next week. The first begins at 6:45 on Sunday evening (Hurry back from Wisconsin, boys!) and the second begins on Tuesday evening.

The fall missions go back further than the RELIGIOUS BULLETIN. Like the BULLETIN their format has changed over the years. But the need for a mission at the beginning of a school year is no less urgent in 1964 than it was in 1914, in 1864, or in whatever year the mission was inaugurated. Expressions like "liturgical renewal", "the spirit of ecumenism", "the emerging layman", "the community of the People of God" may indicate that theology and worship accommodate themselves to a new age. But human nature is still the same. And the need to start the academic year with a clear conscience and a renewed dedication to Christian ideals are as necessary today as they were forty-four, fifty, or a hundred years ago. "Without Me," Christ warns, "you can do nothing." During the retreat this coming week, get with Him.

## UPPERCLASSMAN MISSIONS

Rev. Maurice Powers  
Preacher

FIRST MISSION: Sept. 27, 28, 29

HALLS: Alumni, Dillon, St. Ed's,  
Sorin, Walsh, Zahm

SECOND MISSION: Sept. 29, 30,  
Oct. 1

HALLS: Badin, Fisher, Howard Lyons,  
Morrissey, Pangborn  
Off-Campus

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## SCHEDULES

1st day: 6:45 p.m., opening at  
the Grotto

2nd day: 7:00 p.m., conference  
in Sacred Heart Church

3rd day: 5:00 p.m., Mass and conference  
to close mission

HOW TO BECOME AN ATHEIST Atheism, Fr. John Courtney Murray tells us in his most recent book, The Problem of God\*, is not something a person arrives at by any process of reasoning, "is never the conclusion of any theory, philosophical or scientific. It is a decision, a free act of choice that antedates all theories." An atheistic philosophy of life is reached, not through reasoning processes, but by an act of the will. Modern atheism gives the appearance of being a conclusion of Reason, but the appearance is deceptive. Behind the seeming rationality lies the "radical decision" for which no rational justification can be offered. Only by virtue of a choice, an act, which we might call "a will to atheism" can a person reach an atheistic conclusion. The only argument modern atheists offer for their godlessness is this: "We have no need of God. Therefore, God is not." What the modern agnostic desires to do is to be able to explain the world without having to make any reference to God.

Various kinds of atheists, Fr. Murray tells us, exist in our world today. There are, for instance, what we might call the Atheists of the Marketplace. The object of these men is not to explain the world, but simply to make a living. To them, the sole realities of life are economic. There is, also a species of atheist we might label Political Atheists. These men have decided that God and religion can claim no public status, no function in the public action of the state. For these politicians, public life is, by its very nature, godless. They can permit the Church no public existence.

The new godless man, whom Fr.

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\* Yale University Press, 1964,  
\$4.50

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Murray calls the "God-opposed man," has resolved that God is dead, this resolution, again, being an act of the will, the result of a basic desire for the absence of God. The will of this man becomes a will to suppress God in human consciousness, to put God out of the conscious mind.

Fr. Murray concludes this volume, which comprises the inaugural series of the St. Thomas More Lectures at Yale University, with these words: "Which is the myth and which is the reality? Is it in Marx or in Moses? Is it in Sartre of Paris or in Paul of Tarsus? Is God dead, as the prophets of the post-modern age proclaim, or is he still the living God of more ancient prophecy, immortal in his being as He Who Is, deathlessly faithful to his promise to be with us all our days?"

What is required of men today? "Should they disown God, or own themselves to be his people? What is it that alienates man from himself? -- The confession of God's presence in history and in man's consciousness?" Our atheistic existentialists today tell us that this world in which we live is an absurd world. Has man fallen into this absurdity through knowledge of God or through ignorance of Him?

--Claude L. Boehm

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(What books would you like to have reviewed? Let us know and we'll try to oblige.)

IT HAPPENS EVERY SUMMER -- Some who walked the campus paths with us last year, attended classes with us, cheered the football team beside us, worshipped and knelt at the Eucharistic table with us were running the last lap in their race for the imperishable crown. Two members of the class of 1967 (the present sophomore class), one 1964 graduate, and one priest professor rendered their final account during the summer. All were called suddenly -- the three students met violent deaths in accidents, the priest died unexpectedly.

MARK BUCKLEY, a Keenan Hall resident last year from Cheshire, Connecticut, was killed on June 25 when his car struck a bridge railing near his home. He was alone at the time, apparently fell asleep. His brother Chris was student body president during the 1961-62 school year.

MIKE LEAHY had already started his sophomore year in the Innsbruck program when he was killed in a motor scooter accident near Milan, Italy, on September 6. His home was in Orinda, California, and he had spent his freshman year in Stanford Hall.

The 5:10 Masses in Sacred Heart Church on Tuesday and Thursday, marking the closing of each of the upperclassman missions will be offered for the repose of the souls of Mark Buckley and Mike Leahy.

PAUL HUCH, a 1964 graduate in engineering from Minneapolis, Minnesota, was killed in an automobile accident near Paris while touring Europe with a friend. His death came a little more than a month after his graduation. His brother Peter is a senior this year.

FATHER CLETUS BACHOFER, C.S.C., professor of biology and former head of the department, died very unexpectedly on August 30. After summer school he had gone to the Notre Dame summer house at Land o' Lakes, Wisconsin. There he contracted pneumonia, was taken to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, in serious condition. He responded to treatment, however, and was considered to be well on the way to recovery when he died suddenly. Father Bachofer was 51 years of age.

Notre Dame family Masses for Paul Huch and Father Bachofer will be scheduled and announced later.

Also called to their eternal reward this summer were two priests who in years past were closely associated with Notre Dame -- Father Raymond Clancy, C.S.C., and Father Michael Mulcaire, C.S.C.

FATHER RAYMOND CLANCY, C.S.C., had taught history. He was the first rector of St. Edward's Hall when it became a residence hall in the fall of 1929, and he was the first rector of Alumni in the fall of 1931. His death on August 19 came after a lingering illness. He was 70 at the time of his death.

FATHER MICHAEL MULCAIRE, C.S.C., who died of a heart attack on September 10, had been vice president of Notre Dame from 1928 until 1933, in the depression years when the Stadium, the Law Building, the Engineering Building, the Business Administration Building, Alumni and Dillon Halls were built. At the time of his death he was 69 years old.

The 11:00 Solemn Mass on Sunday, September 27, marks the formal opening of the 1964-65 academic year. Father Joyce, Acting President, will be celebrant; Father Wilson, Vice President for Financial Affairs, will be deacon; and Father McCarragher, Vice President for Student Affairs, will be subdeacon. The sermon will be delivered by Father Soleta, Vice President for Academic Affairs.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

(same as last year)

Sacred Heart Church

Stanford-Keenan Chapel

7:15

8:30

8:30

9:45

9:45

11:00 (High Mass)

11:00 (High Mass)

12:15

12:15

Daily Mass Schedule

8:00 a.m. . . . . Alumni Hall

8:45 a.m. . . . . Howard Hall

9:30 a.m. . . . . Stanford-Keenan Hall

10:30 a.m. . . . . Fisher Hall

11:30 a.m. . . . . Sacred Heart Church

5:10 p.m. . . . . Sacred Heart Church

There are also early morning Masses, beginning at 6:00, in the Crypt of Sacred Heart Church.

Schedules of Masses in the hall chapels will be posted in the halls.

Confession Schedule

11:15 a.m. - 12:00 m. daily except Sunday, Sacred Heart Church

4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. daily except Sunday, Sacred Heart Church

6:45 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. daily except Sunday, Sacred Heart Church

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Saturday only, Sacred Heart Church

Also: Morning and evening in each hall chapel

Evenings, at the sound of the buzzer, in Dillon and Stanford-Keenan Chapels