

Religious Bulletin.
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Credit Where Credit Is Due.

The Prefect of Religion gets a lot of soft words about the good done by the Religious Bulletin. That's applesauce. Conversions are effected not by sermons but by grace, and grace comes by prayer. There is proof enough of this in the fact that students have read the Bulletin almost daily for two years without ever once going to the Sacraments. -- Grace does the real work, and prayer, not talk, brings grace. -- As long as daily Communion appeals to only 50% of the student-body. the Bulletin is a 50% failure.

"How Many Boys Have Moral Cuts?"

A student has asked to have this question included in the next religious survey. It has real possibilities.

On Playing the Hog.

The man who refuses to share with others is vulgarly said to "play the hog." Without hogs we couldn't have ham or bacon or pork -- but a hog is only appreciated when he is dead.

Spiritual Hogs.

A man who refuses to share his greatest spiritual treasure -- the Faith -- with his neighbors, is a very un-nice kind of hog. The Church Unity Octave (January 18-25) gives you a fine chance to make up for past delinquencies.

History of the Octave.

About twenty years ago a group of Anglican clergymen got together and formed a Franciscan monastery at Garrison, N.Y. Their chief purpose in life was to pray for the spiritual union of Christendom. God heard their prayer and they all came into the Church. The Octave which they started -- from the feast of St. Peter's chair at Rome to the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul -- has now become a world-wide devotion, blessed by the Pope. Octave leaflets in twenty-two languages have been distributed this year. The Pope will say Mass for intentions on one day during the Octave.

How to Fall in Line.

Receive Holy Communion and say one decade of the beads on each of the eight days.

A Notre Dame Detail.

Write out the names of at least five of your relatives and friends for whom you wish to obtain the grace of Faith. Leave them in the basement chapel or mail them addressed: "Church Unity Octave, Notre Dame, Indiana. These envelopes will be placed on the altar during the Octave, and then destroyed unopened. If any of your friends come across during the year, make the fact known through the Bulletin.

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