

RELIGIOUS BULLETIN.

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Why We Thank God.

If any student at the Universitas Nostrae Dominae cannot find reason for thanking God at least one day in the year, he should be shot at sunrise. And any student who finds reason and does not fulfill his obligation of thanking God should be shot before sunrise. The sun should shine upon his carcass, not upon his sour countenance. Ingratitude is the most loathsome vice we know.

How We Thank God.

The Greek word "Eucharist" means thanksgiving. God has ordained the manner of our thanking Him. The feebleness of our thanks has infinite compensation when we ask Our Blessed Lord, when we welcome Him into our hearts in Holy Communion, to thank His Heavenly Father in our name for all the good gifts He gives us.

The Official Thanksgiving.

That we may not be ungrateful we offer God tomorrow a Mass of thanksgiving. The hour for the Mass is 8:30. Let no one excuse himself from this public acknowledgment of our indebtedness to God. The devil of sloth would turn you away from it. The devil of sloth will do much more to you day after tomorrow if he has his way tomorrow.

Let Your Soul Be At Peace.

The soul at enmity with God can have no true peace. The false quiet that simulates peace in the heart of the sinner is the most dangerous state that can befall a man: numbness of conscience. When a soul in the state of mortal sin is free from worry about its condition, then it has already dug its grave in hell; and if, through the mercy of God it comes back before death, it is only through hell that it can come back. You will never know what this means until you have seen a hardened sinner become conscience-stricken, and suffer the pains of the damned, the torments of despair. The Sacrament of Penance was instituted for the peace of your soul.

"It is a Fine Thing."

The following paragraph is taken from a letter written by a Jesuit professor at a Catholic University:

"What a fine thing it is to have Notre Dame known nationally for Frequent Communion and Football. Both are mighty important in a boy's spiritual life. Our Father Cornelius Shyne, a man of long experience with boys, claims that in the economy of a boy's salvation sport comes right behind the Sacraments and away ahead of the Sacramentals. The expression of this opinion of his did much to allay the uneasiness of our higher superiors some years ago when they were becoming anxious about the "furor athleticus americanus."

So Would it Be a Fine Thing....

to have Notre Dame known nationally for the highest ideals in culture. That zeal for study is lacking is evidenced by the high list of failures in the last examinations and the readiness with which flunks have taken cuts since the examinations. That sensitiveness to Christian modesty is weak is evidenced by the tolerance you show for unwomanly characteristics in the girls you know. Newman gathers dust in the library, and visitors to the art galleries are largely strangers. Notre Dame was not founded for the propagation of jazz.

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