

RELIGIOUS BULLETIN.
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Cuts for the Dance, but None for Mass.

An extraordinary zeal for Mass has developed during the past week. Students living in Niles and Mishawaka have stirred up a deep sympathy for the poor boys from Texas and Wyoming who will have to miss Mass because of travelling on the Sunday before Christmas.

"The greatest of these is charity", said St. Paul, summarizing a discourse on the theological virtues. It is singularly edifying to see this major concern displayed by students in the interests of fellow-students, and since the interest is purely spiritual, it is to be hoped that this great wave of charity will grow and grow until it sweeps into the confessional the doughty warriors who have resisted grace all fall, and until it sweeps out of Notre Dame the small band of card-sharks, bootleggers and other less desirable vampires who have been sucking white blood for the past three months.

The law requiring attendance at Mass on Sundays and holydays of obligation is an ecclesiastical law, and the Church dispenses from it when it chooses. The law does not bind under grave inconvenience. One of the matters listed by theologians as grave inconvenience is "inability to defer a journey or to interrupt one already begun." A loss of twenty-four hours in travel time is considered sufficient excuse for missing Mass, and a financial loss involved in a stop-over amounting to two day's wages is also considered an excusing cause.

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The football team has arranged to stop over in Memphis for Mass on Sunday morning on the way to New Orleans.

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The really interesting point is the matter of cuts. It is not a mortal sin to cut a class in order to get home in time for Mass Sunday morning. Worse than that; it has actually happened in the past that students have travelled all day Sunday to get back at two o'clock Monday morning when classes resumed at noon the previous Thursday.

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A million cuts for the dance, but not one for Mass, the Sacrifice of the Mass.

Van Wallace's Address.

272 Cass Street, Mount Clements, Michigan. Send him a spiritual bouquet, even though you have to wait until after Christmas to make your Novena. Give the poor lad a Merry Christmas.

Afterthought.

It would be interesting to know how many of those who are so concerned about missing Mass a week from Sunday have missed Mass or come late to Mass Sunday after Sunday this fall.

Pamphlets for Christmas Cards.

The little pamphlet, "Frequent Communion for College Men" makes an excellent Christmas card. Don't send the new one: "Neglect of Divine Calls and Warnings." Your uncle might cut you off in his will---especially if he needs to read that particular pamphlet. If he does need it, slip it to him, but do it when he isn't looking.

Prayers.

A student asks prayers for a friend who is seriously ill. Another student asks prayers for a sick relative. A third wants you to join him in thanking God for a favor received. A fourth asks prayers for a sick friend, a fifth for a special intention. Everyone asks you to pray for a successful trip for the football team.

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