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Potent Reasons for Reparation.

The First Friday is intended as a day of reparation to the Sacred Heart for the outrages with which humanity afflicts Our Blessed Saviour, particularly for those committed by Catholics. Lest you be ignorant of any local reasons for reparation in your Adoration tomorrow the following are assembled:

1. There is an ugly thievery going on. Clothes, books, suitcases, money, whatever comes handy is lifted. Almost as low as the monogram thief is the snake who stole eleven dollars from a janitor the other day ---the last bit of cash the poor fellow had in the world.
2. Where there is thievery there is always gambling. Gamblers steal to recoup losses, and thieves gamble because it comes easy. Not all gamblers steal, and not all thieves gamble, but the history of the two vices at Notre Dame is interwoven.
3. There is an anti-Sunday-Mass Club in one of the halls on the campus. The devil has a pretty strong grip when he can put a thing like that over.
4. A lot of freshmen who started daily Communion in September have given it up as unmanly. They have given up the football team as too ideal: They have made to themselves a new set of gods: they have mistaken brutishness for strength, animalism for manhood.
5. Another lot of freshmen have grown somewhat bold with their collegiate counter-current. They were tipped off before they came that Notre Dame runs religion into the ground, and they were told how to keep out of the way "and get away with murder." They haven't exactly got away with murder, but they have done some unsavory things in the name of Notre Dame. They came out of their holes groundhog day.
6. There has been no general reparation for the desecration of Christmas and New Years, and by some of the stories floating around, there was considerable desecration in various parts of the country.
7. Some Catholic students still insist on eating meat on Friday when they travel. When we make reparation for them we should pray that God may give them sense.)

While you make your adoration very well kneeling in a pew, you will probably derive much more benefit from it if you put on a cassock and surplice and kneel in the sanctuary. It brings you closer to Our Blessed Lord. You feel His presence more.

A Freshman Impression.

The following freshman comment was not inspired by the comment printed in yesterday's Bulletin. It came from the same class assignment.

"The manner in which Newman discusses sin in "Neglect of Divine Calls and Warnings" had made me think. How often I have committed a sin with the excuse that I had done it before and other fellows were doing it. Never did I realize that that one sin might be enough to finish out my list and result in eternal damnation for me.

"Presumption a sin? The soul can be lost by blind confidence? Such thoughts never dawned on me. Our religion is far more intricate than I had ever imagined. But the thing that impressed me most was the question of disposition for receiving the Sacraments. How easily I can recall laughing and jesting immediately before going to confession, failing to show proper respect on the way to and from the Communion rail, leaving church without first making an offering of thanks. God forbid that these things should happen again."

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