

RELIGIOUS BULLETIN.

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The Perfect Fool.

He looks perfectly rational as he walks down the street, and lots of people take him for a wise man. Yet he is in the state of mortal sin, and he knows that he may be struck dead in an instant, as so many people are every day, and that if he dies in sin he will go straight to hell. He is a perfect fool.

Pictures.

An appreciation of good pictures is essential to education. You will find splendid reproductions of the world's best religious pictures in the basement chapel and in room 141, Sorin Hall. They are distributed gratis to those who want them. Revise the scheme of decorations on your wall, and let your four walls advance your education.

A New Way of Hearing Mass.

Those who come late are now matched by those who leave early. Two student's left the five o'clock Mass in the basement chapel last Sunday immediately after the Elevation, and three students did the same thing at High Mass. No theologian can be found who will permit you to satisfy your obligation by hearing the Consecration and Communion of two different Masses.

Lent is Coming.

One junior learned to smoke the other day so that he would have something to give up during Lent. By the same token it looks as if three-fourths of the University were learning to sleep over in the morning in order to make early rising a real penance.

Ivan Kepner and Van Wallace.

Ivan Kepner (LL.B., '24), for whom prayers were asked last Sunday, is reported in desperate condition, with practically no hope of recovery. You are reminded again that prayers have done everything that has been done for Van Wallace, and that he will need your prayers for a long time.

The Sick.

The second Novena for the Sick ended this morning, but the names are still coming in for this intention, and the prayers will be continued throughout the month of February. There are nine more days to this month. The third Novena for the Sick will begin tomorrow morning. The names will be left on the altar---and the sluggards are once more urged to be charitable. Trifling in this matter leads to grave results; sickness comes home to you when you least expect it.

Why Not Make a Few Promises?

Bargaining with God is apt to become a mercenary thing, especially if it is put on too much of a percentage basis, but in general it is perfectly proper to make a promise to perform a certain good act if a favor is granted. Don't forget to keep your word, however. (There are a few promises made during the heat of the examinations that are still hanging fire.) If you made a big enough promise Van might get well.

What Value Do You Set on One Holy Communion?

You can tell by what causes you to miss a day. Some people prefer ten minutes more sleep in the morning, some prefer a cup of coffee, some others can't overcome the inertia to climb the steps of Sorin Hall, others still prefer the state of sin to the state of grace. There is one consolation: death readjusts our sense of values.

John F. O'Hara, C.S.C.,
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