

Too Many Publicans.

Complaint has come to this office from students that there are too many publicans standing in the rear of the church on Sunday mornings. Those who wish to go to confession are crowded out by last-minute devotees who mass about the door and lean against the confessionals. Students are even deterred from going to confession by the reasonable fear that the leaners may hear what they have to say.

This condition can be remedied, and it will be. Tomorrow these late-coming publicans will be given an opportunity to move up to the pews. If they do not make use of their opportunity, ushers will then be provided to see that they come up to the front. If that is insufficient, the editor of the Bulletin will visit the rear of the church and take the names of the publicans for publication. If they are not ashamed to come late Sunday after Sunday, they should not be ashamed to let the world know that they come late.

Simeon Mullen.

The operation on Simeon Mullen Friday morning was thoroughly successful. It relieved a condition that would have meant certain death within a very few days if it had not taken place. You are asked to pray that no complications will set in, and that within a short time he will be back among us.

Van Wallace.

A number of students visited Van over the last week-end. They found him as cheerful as ever, a strange combination of resignation to the will of God and ambition to make of himself whatever his condition will permit. Prayer can help this ambition and sustain this beautiful resignation.

Andy Feldhake.

Andy, who was a student here for the past two years, has had to go West for his health. He is the kind of a Notre Dame man you would like to help, and he will surely appreciate your prayers.

Novena for Vocations.

Throughout the Fort Wayne Diocese a Novena for Vocations is held during the Ember Days of Lent. This Novena will begin here tomorrow. During these nine days you are asked to offer your Holy Communion and recite the Litany of the Sacred Heart that God may send us a sufficiency of good priests.

We Are Commanded to Pray For This.

Our Lord told us that a vocation to the priesthood is a grace that comes in answer to prayer. He said: "Pray ye that the Lord of the harvest that he send forth laborers into the harvest." God knows our needs, but He waits for us to ask relief.

The Need.

It looks very impressive, the total of 23,000 priests in this country, but you might well know that twice that number could be kept quite busy with present needs. One priest for each 900 Catholics looks different. Take out the number engaged in education and other work distinct from parish occupations and you have a still greater discrepancy. And the number engaged in education is woefully small in comparison with the needs. Right here at Notre Dame there should be twice as many priests as there are.... and even with the meagre number we are further handicapped by having seven priests incapacitated through sickness. Pray, and pray hard, that these needs will be relieved, especially at Notre Dame.

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