

## RELIGIOUS BULLETIN.

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### Prayers.

Gilbert Uhl has been called home by the serious illness of his mother. James Enright asks prayers for his sister who is sick. Three other students ask prayers for sick persons, and two for deceased relatives.

### The Third Order of St. Francis.

Through the courtesy of Father Kilian, O.M. Cap., of New York, who is the guest of the University this week, students will be given an opportunity tomorrow of joining the Third Order of St. Francis, which is an association richly endowed with spiritual blessings. The Order has been quite popular with young people of late and the last four Popes have recommended it especially as a remedy for the disturbed social order of today.

The principal spiritual favors accruing to members are numerous plenary and partial indulgences, and a right to general absolution about 100 times a year (on stated days).

Columbus and Dante were members of the Third Order; and at the present time its membership includes the Holy Father, most of the Bishops of the World, the King of Spain, the Prime Minister of Holland, and many other people of distinction. The Order was founded by St. Francis of Assisi seven hundred years ago.

The rules of the Order do not bind under pain of sin, but they must be kept under penalty of forfeiting the spiritual advantages of membership. The principal rules are the following:

1. To wear the scapular and cord. (The scapular medal will not supply.)
2. To recite the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin or twelve Our Fathers and Hail Marys daily and glory be to the father.
3. To attend Mass daily if possible.
4. To receive Holy Communion once a month and attend meetings.
5. To avoid public dances.

There are hundreds of Catholic young men at Notre Dame who are doing much more than is required for membership, and they might just as well derive the great spiritual benefits that will come to them through the Order.

Enrollment will take place at one o'clock tomorrow in the church.

Students who intend to join should remember in Holy Communion that they may gain a plenary indulgence on the day of admission.

### Note of Thanks.

Prof. Charles Phillips asks the Religious Bulletin to express his thanks to the Student body for the prayers and Holy Communions offered for his brother-in-law, recently operated on for cancer. Reports now indicate the danger point passed. The recovery and progress of the patient are regarded by the physicians as almost miraculous.

### Alas!

It is alleged that an expected cargo of liquor failed to secure delivery one night this week. A faithful vigil went unrewarded!

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