

## RELIGIOUS BULLETIN.

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### Have a Clean heart for Mothers' Day. II.

When you place your mother's picture on the wall of your room you make sure that the other decorations harmonize. Is your mother's picture graven on your heart? If it is your heart cannot hold unclean images. If your heart is not clean, make it so at least for Mothers' Day. Go to confession this evening if need be.

### What Flowers to Send.

If your modesty kept you from making the Novena of spiritual flowers, send lilies of the valley.

### The Third Order.

Only fifteen of the sixty-three new members of the Third Order have applied for the scapulars, cords and books. If it is a question of money, don't let that stop you. The charge is forty or sixty cents, according to the binding desired for the book. If you haven't the money now, slip it in when you have it; but get your things now.

### The Surveys are Going Fast.

Twenty-two hundred Surveys were addressed and mailed Wednesday by the volunteers, and by Thursday evening two thousand more envelopes were addressed. Six thousand will be mailed out this week to do good all over the United States.

Another interesting reflection on Notre Dame religion comes in the April issue of the Catholic School Journal: "The outstanding educational institution can make even so crass a thing as football serve the larger aims. Notre Dame has shown how this may be: 'modest champions,' 'Men whose conduct is absolutely perfect,' 'devoted servants of the Blessed Sacrament,' are encomiums publicly accorded the Notre Dame players and merited by them through the influence of a spirit that makes men to cope with the exigencies of the game and the temptations that attend success and in so doing actually constitutes even mere football an unimportant educational asset, for participants and beholders alike."

### The Canonization of the Little Flower.

Sunday, May 17, has been set by the Congregation of Rites for the canonization of the Blessed Therese of Jesus, the "Little Flower", who was born about the time your mother was, and attained great sanctity in a short while. Many mothers of Notre Dame men are devoted to the Little Flower. If you want to make a Novena for the canonization you should start tomorrow and end on the seventeenth.

### A Novena of Thanksgiving.

We have great things to be thankful for, and we don't want to be ungrateful. The Novena for the feast of the Ascension will be a Novena of Thanksgiving for the favors we have received from God during the past year, among which are the following:

1. Not a student has died this year. Six students who started last year have already been called to their reward;
2. The health of the students has been remarkably good;
3. Great academic progress has been made during the year;
4. Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament has shown an extraordinary increase: last year the average number of Communions per campus student per week was 3.54, while this year the average was 4.06. The two previous years the number was stationary at 3.5, while the year before that it stood at 3.
5. The football championship brought Notre Dame into great favor everywhere.

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