

RELIGIOUS BULLETIN.
May, 29, 1925.

Announcements.

1. No Bulletin Decoration Day.
2. Military Mass on the campus Saturday, weather permitting.
3. Novena for examinations starts Saturday in order to finish in time.
4. The Sunday Masses are at 6:30 and 8:15, not 7:00 and 9:00.
5. Saturday, vigil of Pentecost, is a day of fast and abstinence.

Eight More Days.

If any student who has not made his Easter Duty has the nerve to read this particular Bulletin, his thoughts should go to his mother. He will find her in one of these classes:

1. A faithful Catholic who believes in him and rests easy because she feels that he can't go wrong at Notre Dame;
2. A faithful Catholic who knows that he is not faithful to his God, and has turned grey worrying about him;
3. A faithful Catholic who has had to struggle against a non-Catholic husband and relatives to have her children raised in the Church;
4. A lukewarm Catholic who is sending her son to a Catholic school that he may have stronger faith than she can give him;
5. A non-Catholic who realizes and carried out faithfully her promise to help raise the children in the Church;
6. A saint in heaven, praying for her erring child on earth;
7. A soul in purgatory, there because she has no son to pray for her.

Any student who can resist his mother's plea to make his peace with God may well fear for the salvation of his immortal soul. Eight days remain before Trinity Sunday.

Thanksgivings.

A student who has received a favor through the intercession of St. Rita has donated a sum of money for the distribution of the Litany of St. Rita. These will be placed in the halls.

A student asks prayers of thanksgiving for the improvement in his mother's health which followed an announcement of prayers for her benefit.

A week ago prayers were asked for a Catholic who was dying without the benefit of the Sacraments. He had been married to a non-Catholic outside the Church, and his wife had refused to call a priest. The situation was desperate. A letter from his brother reads as follows:

"My brother made his confession, received Holy Communion, underwent an operation, received Extreme Unction, and died---a good Catholic. Will you thank the students for us? It was a wonderful manifestation of the infinite mercy of God, as well as a brilliant example of the power of prayer."

Prayers.

Edward Thomann, of Brownson Hall, requests the charity of your prayers for the repose of the soul of his brother. Three students ask prayers for special intentions. Prayers are urged for three sick persons, and for two deceased relatives of a student.

The Way to Settle Arguments.

Most of the arguments that take place around here do not crave to be settled. The World Almanac will furnish statistics to take the fun out of lots of them; the Catholic Encyclopedia and the Question Box will settle other, where there is a question of an official decision of the Church. And there is another class of arguments that will be settled by the question: "What difference will it make at the Last Judgment?"

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Survey Supplement.

Fifteen sophomores, fifteen juniors, four seniors, four freshmen, and one graduate student have returned questionnaires since the last panning-- a week ago. Seventeen of these are due to the untiring efforts of some Dugan, the only rival of Gov. Walsh in the affections of the Prefect of Beligion. These seventeen brought Basin Hall up even with Sophomore, but the latter got busy and put four more in the box--- the first since the flood. Juniors and seniors have now passed the 100 mark, the Juniors leading by 103 to 102.

(John McMullen, newly-elected president of the Chicago Club, sent up a piece of cake to bribe the editor to kill the dugan story. A sophomore ate the cake and promised to send in a questionnaire; so the story stands.)

I.

"The prayers provided in the prayer books do not carry enough variety. You find yourself repeating prayers from memory without sufficient reflection and concentration.

Provide variety. There are five different kinds of prayer books at the pamphlet rack. Use them all at one time or another. And learn to meditate. The lectures on meditation are over, but you can have a set of notes on meditation that will help you to learn this beautiful and helpful practice.

And while we are talking about prayer books your attention is respectfully directed to the fact that during the past two years Archbishop Chartrand, recently elevated from Indianapolis to Cincinnati, has provided four thousand five hundred of the little "purple prayer books" for your use. You should say a prayer for him every time you use the book--- and oftener. You owe to him much more than your prayer books. He provided the outline of the system of your spiritual direction at Notre Dame.

II.

"Couldn't there be more space provided for answers? Is paper expensive or am I the only one who wants to write more? Couldn't the questions deal more with outside life? Views on girls, drink...? Must it be so confined to Notre Dame?"

More questions on outside life are desired. Submit your list for next year. About one student in twenty crowd the paper provided, and about one in a hundred asks for more paper or uses more. The present form is most convenient for the enormous task of tabulating. When you have to go through seven hundred questionnaires about sixty or seventy times, you want the thing in convenient form.

III.

"Last year I was a frequent communicant but this year I go only weekly. Since taking Accounting I have become very much addicted to swearing, and if I went to daily Communion it would mean going to confession every night; and as I usually do Accounting after night prayer it would break my confession."

There is something goofy about this. What kind of a purpose of amendment have you for your weekly confession? And if you have a good purpose of amendment how long does it last? Accounting is over now, and you should devote a little time to the salvation of your soul. It's too bad this was not answered sooner: the suggestion would have been given that you try praying instead of swearing.

IV.

"My ideal Notre Dame man was shattered after several weeks here. Now there ain't no such animal." The writer is from Sophomore Hall. If he lives he will learn.