

207,285.

Yesterday's total of Communions since September 14 was 207,285, an increase of 14,000 over the total for the whole of last year. The ten remaining days should bring this increase up to 21,000. The daily average thus far is 893, a slip of seven points since the social season got heavy. It's too bad that the social season has to cut in on the devotion to the Blessed Virgin; but it is so.

The Grotto.

A year ago Ralph Adams Gram stated that the grotto is the best piece of art at Notre Dame. Aside from its artistic value, many a student has found it the most inspiring place on the grounds. If you neglected it during the month of the Blessed Virgin, you still have a week in which to learn its beauties and its inspiration. Drop down there after Holy Communion; call again before you go to bed at night. Stand back far enough to see the dome and statue towering over it; then approach and kneel before the statue. The firlish figure in white built this school. On your knees thank the Blessed Virgin for Notre Dame. The old boys who amount to something want to visit the grotto when they come back here; you will in your own good time if you learn its secret while you are here.

The Sacred Heart.

The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus--- the Sacred Humanity which paid man's debt of sin. The heart is the symbol of love; the Sacred Heart represents Christ's love of sinners---of us! Your program for the month should be as follows:

1. Recite the Litany of the Sacred Heart every day;
2. Make a Novena of Communions of reparation, and keep up daily Communion throughout the month, if possible;
3. Make a full hour of adoration on the First Friday, to atone for your neglects, willful and unwillful, of the past year;
4. Console the Sacred Heart by a little missionary work. If God has given you the grace to live close to Him this year, work on some friend who has held aloof. Our Lord promised the Blessed Margaret Mary that those who practiced this devotion would have the power to touch the hardest hearts. Drag some fellow along to confession with you. He will thank you all the days of his life if you make him overcome his timidity.

Five More Days.

Only five days remain before Trinity Sunday, the dead-line on the Easter Duty. Don't go back to your mother an outcast from the Church of God---especially from Notre Dame, where God is always so close and so condescending!

A Cure Through the Intercession of St. Theresa.

The New York Times for May 26 carries the story of the cure of Roberta Wagner, 13 years old, of Brooklyn, who "was expected by five doctors to die last March," but got well after making a Novena to the Little Flower. She had been an invalid since August, 1923, when she had an operation for appendicitis. She wasted away gradually, and the five doctors called in consultation said that there was no possible chance of recovery. She finished her Novena on Sunday, and on Monday she was so much improved that she was able to sit up in a chair. Dr. J. Louis Simpson, her attending physician, call sit a miracle.

Prayers.

Three students ask prayers for their parents, who are quite sick.

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