

Religious Bulletin
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The Eucharistic Year.

The calendars distributed on the campus proclaim that this is a Eucharistic Year. Last year, if you remember, was a Penitential Year. The year 1925 has been proclaimed by the Holy Father a Holy Year. Our Holy Year combines the two great elements of holiness -- penance and grace. Two years are little enough to prepare for the Eucharistic Congress in Chicago next summer.

The Blessed Sacrament is our devotion. Notre Dame is widely known as "The City of the Blessed Sacrament." Last spring a Greek bishop in South Italy sent in a clipping from an Italian paper telling about the Communion of the team on the way to Pasadena. In Rome this summer, one of the students saw a copy of our Religious Survey in Italian. Not long ago a priest in India and another in New Zealand wrote for information on the devotion of the students to the Blessed Sacrament. Your predecessors at Notre Dame have spread devotion to the Blessed Sacrament all over the world; it is your privilege to do something special this year to carry on their work.

What Can You Do?

A full program for the Eucharistic Year will be issued after you get settled. For the time being you can keep in mind the following points:

1. Be faithful to daily Communion this year; and start immediately.
2. Make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament at least once every day -- preferably in your hall chapel, so that God will receive His meed of praise wherever He awaits it.
3. Make an Hour of Adoration every First Friday -- every week if possible. Perpetual adoration should be a part of our student life; it can come easily if you will do a little deep thinking and some missionary work.
4. Pray incessantly for the success of the Eucharistic Congress.
5. Send frequent Communion pamphlets to your parents and friends. Spread this most excellent of all devotions. (These pamphlets have now reached 100,000.)
6. Contribute to the pamphlet rack and the printing fund. Five dollars from each student this year will provide a fund that will enable the University to supply each delegate to the Eucharistic Congress with a book on Notre Dame's religion. This work is already under way, in the confidence that the means to publish it will not be withheld. (The rack now has a deficit of about three hundred dollars.)

Monkey Business.

Exhibit A is back from Dayton, twenty-five hundred strong. Forget the monkey business, now that classes have started, and begin to practice your religion as you have learned it at Notre Dame. Show the freshman where the basement chapel is; few of them have found it. Read the new pamphlet on Perseverance, and knock off the vacation rust.

The Novena.

The Novena for the success of the Mission begins tomorrow morning. Go to confession in your hall chapel tonight, to avoid crowding in the basement chapel tomorrow morning. Go to Communion and recite five Our Fathers and Hail Marys every day. And during the nine days pray hard for Bishop Chartrand, of Indianapolis, who has been very sick.

John F. O'Hara, C.S.C.,
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