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Religious Bulletin

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Have You Come Back Clean?

You were warned before you went away that you were expected to be Notre Dame men at home as well as here. The world, which cannot understand Notre Dame, looks for certain standards in Notre Dame men. Examine your conscience on these points:

1. Did you make your First Friday?
2. Did you remember that January 1 was a holy day?
3. Did you scandalize your father or your mother?
4. Did you inspire your kid brother to anything good?
5. Were you a thorough gentleman on New Year's Eve?
6. Did you lift anything from your father's cellar?
7. Did you teach any girl how to behave herself?
8. Were you square with the folks and with yourself?
9. Were you square with Notre Dame and with God?

There is black tragedy in the way Catholics fall for the wiles of the devil. Saturday night, which should be given to preparation for Sunday, is the wickedest night of the week; New Year's Eve, which should provoke meditation that would correct past insanities, is the wildest night of the year.

If you made a good start for the year, thank God for giving you good sense; if you did not, get down on your knees and pray that you will not wreck the whole year.

If You Are Not Clean....

Remember that this is holy ground, and that mortal sin is the greatest treason to your Patroness, Our Lady, the Mother of God.

Remember that every moment spent in sin is lost for all eternity, and that the time God has given you for repentance is measured -- you know not the day nor the hour!

Remember that God bestowed great favors on the Prodigal Son, but only after he had come back home -- in humble confession of his sins.

The Basement Chapel.

You didn't find anything at home more satisfying. It is still where it was.

Prayers.

Robert Kirby's grandmother died yesterday. Richard Hinchcliff's sister died during the holidays. Prof. Phillips asks a continuance of prayers for his brother-in-law, who is dying, with terrible suffering. Father Cannon asks prayers for his sister-in-law, who died three days ago. John Mack, a freshman, is sick at home with typhoid fever. Murt Cullinan, of Sorin Hall, asks prayers of thanksgiving for the recovery of his mother, whose improvement started the day the request for prayers was published. A student asks prayers of thanksgiving for the conversion of his mother, accomplished through the intercession of the Little Flower. Three special intentions, four sick persons, and two deceased relatives of students claim a share in your prayers.

Van Wallace is trying to manipulate a typewriter.-- The collection for Father Brooks amounted to \$324, and he and his converts have orders to pray Van back to health.

P.S. The Sorin Hall chapel has been repainted, and is open again now.