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Church Tonight.

Father Ryan will preach tonight at the May Devotions, 7:30. As usual, confessions will be heard. It will afford the seniors a chance to regain some of the spiritual momentum they lost during the past week.

Sheaves for the Gleaners.

It was ordinance of the Jewish Law that harvesters in the field should leave behind some sheaves of grain to be picked up by the poor. It seems that the Lord works the same way with His spiritual harvest. At this time of the year (with Trinity Sunday only eleven days away) there are still sheaves waiting to be gleaned. The gleaner offers special graces to the gleaners. Find some one who has not made his Easter Duty. Pray for him; stick with him till he comes around. You may save your soul by saving his.

The Meaning of Life.

"Whence comest thou?" "Whither goest thou?" No man can have authority as a critic of life unless he knows the correct answer to these two questions. A man can go through Harvard without ever suspecting the answer. That is why the Bulletin states that a degree from Harvard may be merely a badge of ignorance.

Prayers.

Watts Eicher asks prayers for his father, who died a few days ago. Two persons who are dangerously ill; one of these is the sister of the four Uebbing boys who were students at Notre Dame. A student requests prayers of thanksgiving for the death-bed conversion of a relative. A special intention is recommended. Joseph Dire's brother died Monday. Another student asks prayers for a deceased friend.

Questions from the Questionnaire.

131. Is bootlegging a sin?

Ans. It is seldom free from some element of sin.

132. Is it a mortal sin to desire something impure?

Ans. Yes. Sins of thought and desire are forbidden by the Ninth Commandment. A desire for mortal sin constitutes a mortal sin.

133. Why do most students dislike to confide in a spiritual director?

Ans. Most students find it difficult, even as you and I, to talk about the intimate things most concerned with their spiritual welfare; some others have not found a spiritual director with natural qualities suited to their natures; some few are afraid that their confidence will be violated in some way. The courage to surmount these difficulties is a big point in spiritual progress; and the Survey shows that almost half of the students here have sought spiritual direction outside of confession.

134. How can freshmen of this year keep from becoming typical sophomores next year?

Ans. Take a vow to obey blindly what you can't see through (until you finish school work like the dickens, keep your tongue in your cheek, pray hard, write home to your mother twice a week. If this fails and you go stale in spite of everything, quit school and wheel brick for a year.

135. When I get disgusted with myself what should I do?

Ans. Start worrying about someone else; make an hour of adoration for him.