
A Present for the Bishop!

As a class, Notre Dame men are not unappreciative; but at times they are thoughtless, and do not realize to what extent others sacrifice for them. This week we are receiving a singular mark of interest from one of the busiest prelates in the United States, our own Bishop.

The theme Bishop Noll has chosen for his message to you in this Mission is exceedingly timely. The first article in the Atlantic Monthly for September is an echo of the commonest fundamental evil of today: it is the protest of a Protestant clergyman against the idea of authority in religion. This protest is in the very air about us today, and Catholics are frequently caught with its pestilential infection. Bishop Noll has done more than any person in the United States to spread Catholic Truth among unbelievers, and his strong message on the authority of the Church, backed up not only by his vast experience but by the strength of his position as a successor of the Apostles, will equip us much better than our contemporaries to withstand the common attacks on our Faith.

Our tribute of appreciation should take a form that will be most pleasing to His Lordship. We owe him our prayers as our chief Pastor; we owe him a remembrance in our Masses and Communions, and particularly in our First Friday Adoration, a privilege granted us by his predecessor and confirmed by himself. Let us combine these acts of devotion and give him everything we have on one day this week:

THIS FIRST FRIDAY BELONGS TO OUR BISHOP.

Let every student in the University offer Mass and Holy Communion on Friday, October 1, for the good health and prosperity of our Bishop, praying God that He will bless his hard labors with abundant fruit; let us all make at least one half-hour of adoration on that day for his intentions.

Prayers.

Maurice Sonderman's grandfather died Sunday. Wm. Halloran asks prayers for the protection of his father's eye-sight, which is seriously impaired; Don Laskey asks the same favor for his father, who has suffered an accident to one eye. Three special intentions are recommended. (Note: The offering of your prayers and good works of Friday for the intentions of the Bishop need not exclude secondary intentions, such as your Novena for the team, prayers for the afflicted, and so forth.)

Again: Go to Confession at Night.

The Religious Bulletin was founded six years ago during the Mission, to call attention to the fact that three hundred students, who had passed the entrance requirements for college, tried to go to confession when they knew beforehand that there would be only four priests hearing confessions for half an hour. They found out that it could not be done; so have college men ever since that time; but some things that we learn we can't act upon because they require sacrifice. Use your head for once: go to confession today in the Sorin Hall chapel, or tonight in the basement after supper or in the Church during or after the Mission. Leave the morning opportunities for those who cannot go at any other time.

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