

Religious Bulletin

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We're Licked Here.

Worcester, Mass. -- A religious vocation survey just completed at Holy Cross College here has demonstrated that no fewer than 190 Holy Cross men are now preparing for Holy Orders, a larger number than is shown by any previous record. The results of the survey are particularly interesting because of the constantly recurring assertion that religious vocations are not as abundant as in former years.

Of the 190 men now studying for Holy Orders, 103 are Holy Cross graduates and the others attended the college for one or more years. It is further shown that in the last three years the number of vocations rose successively. Eighteen of the class of 1924, 26 of the class of 1925 and 30 of the class of 1926 have begun their religious life within the past three years. Last year 16 men were ordained for nine dioceses. They were members of the classes of 1920, 1921 and 1922. There are now 695 Holy Cross graduates in religious work, besides the many non-graduates.

Eighteen dioceses and four religious orders are represented by the 190 now training for the priesthood. -- From an Exchange.

Why hasn't Notre Dame more of her graduates in the priesthood and the religious life? It is true enough that many of the young men in New England especially go to Holy Cross with the intention of studying for the priesthood, that there are many more students there in the ancient classical program than there are here in the broader programs of Arts and Letters, that the growth in the number of vocations is probably only in proportion with the enlargement of the student body, and so forth; but the fact remains that for a school of such devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, Notre Dame is not furnishing a proper quota of priests.

Why not? Ask yourself the question while you make your adoration today.

Maybe He Didn't Get Your Letter.

Didn't you tell Santa Claus you wanted a new whole pair of corduroys for Christmas? Judging from appearances he didn't deliver them.

Recalling the Poem.

The Bulletin for December 15 published a column of homely verse that went straight home. A few days later the following letter was received:

"Dear Father: I want to thank you for your Bulletin of the fifteenth. It came almost as an inspiration. A friend and I had a date with a girl in town -- not the kind we would be glad to introduce to our sisters as a friend. The Bulletin came in the morning and it was a life saver. I let the other fellow keep the date while I came back to the campus. I have a copy of that Bulletin and have memorized the poem. Please keep up your good work. -- A Freshie."

Prayers.

Two students ask prayers for their mothers, and three for other relatives who are ill. One student asks prayers for a deceased relative.

New Stuff.

The pamphlet rack received a few new consignments during the holidays. Santa Claus was here, too (but he didn't leave much money).