

Religious Bulletin

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Prayers.

Fr. Moriarty, who was captain of the track team back in 1910, and is now pastor at Wooster, Ohio, asks prayers for his sister, who has just undergone a dangerous operation. Mr. Mack, of the Language Department, recommends his sick brother. A student asks a remembrance of a friend of his who is ill with typhoid fever. Leo Faiver asks prayers for his grandmother, who is ill.

The First Friday.

The crowding of the confessionals on Friday morning was a satisfactory sign of earnestness, if not of intelligent anticipation of your needs. You will have the same difficulty tomorrow morning of not being able to get to confession unless a sufficient number get to confession tonight to relieve the congestion. The number of Communions yesterday was approximately 1300; there should be at least that many tomorrow.

While confessions are not heard in the hall chapels on Saturday night, they are heard in the basement chapel from 6:15 till seven; and the opportunity in the Sorin chapel for confession all day goes on Saturday as other days.

Our Platform.

It has become popular with newspapers, following the example of the N.S.W., to adopt a platform for local needs. The Bulletin has had a platform since its inception, but it has not been published heretofore. Here it is:

1. No Notre Dame men in Hell;
2. All Notre Dame men to amount to something in Heaven.

What Father Blackwell Said:

We have secured the text of Father Blackwell's remarks at the Mass in St. Paul's Church, Los Angeles, on the day following the Southern California game. It follows:

"In our congregation this morning offering their tribute of worship at the altar of God, we have with us a distinguished body of Catholic young men from the East -- the nationally-famed football team of the University of Notre Dame. In your name and in my own, I bid them welcome to Los Angeles again; they are heartily welcome here.

"Our greetings are extended to them not alone because of their surpassing achievements in the athletic world; not alone because they are worthy exponents of the upstanding manliness of clean sport, but because they are the products of a system of education that trains body, mind, and heart, and holds the one real hope for our young Catholic American mankind of the future.

"If the world wanted a proof that our religion is no religion of gloom, no system of modern pharasaism that would still the joys of life and banish the exuberance of youth in the fetters of fanaticism, these young men have furnished it abundantly. We hear it asserted around us every day that the Church is losing, or has lost its hold on the young people of our time. But the practical faith of these young men from Notre Dame assures us that it is not true of the Old Church, the Church of Peter the Fisherman, and of Paul the Apostle of the Gentiles. In the rush and hurry of their journeys, in the tension and excitement of their great contests, in the hours of their weariness and rest, these young men have always found place and time to fulfil their duties to God. May their like increase amongst us, in the years to come, till the generation of wishbone Catholics is heard of no more, and all our youth and mankind possess the living, practical faith of the Invincible Team of Notre Dame.