

A Great Feast Tomorrow.

Tomorrow is the feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin, the day on which the Word of God took on human flesh, raising human nature to its greatest dignity, and conferring on Mary the title of Mother of God.

In England, when it was "Merrie England," this feast was New Year's Day -- as it properly should be in our calculation of the present era as the Year of Our Lord. Let's keep that notion ourselves and take tomorrow as our New Year's Day, since the devil has taken charge of January 1.

Where Would You Go?

Three times within the past few years God has called Notre Dame students from the dance floor to His Judgment Seat. In each case we have an abundant evidence that the boy who was called was as ready as if he had been called from church. If God had called you under similar circumstances during the past week where would you be now?

1.

Leo Owens received Holy Communion in the morning and went to the Junior Prom in the evening. A boil on the back of his neck made him feel faint, and he decided to go to the hospital. At the door of the hospital he lost consciousness, which he never regained.

2.

Edwin Rowley received Holy Communion the day before he went to the Sophomore Cotillion; he was a frequent communicant during his five years at Notre Dame. He was struck by a car as he was walking home along the Niles Road. His skull was fractured and he never regained consciousness. His beads were found in his dress suit, leaving us the clear conclusion that he must have walked out in order to say his beads.

3.

Bill Mitchell was fatally injured when the car in which he was coming from a dance turned over. Three times he regained consciousness for the reception of the Last Sacraments; his last conscious words were the words of the Hail Mary.

These three boys are well off -- far better off than we are, because their salvation is assured. God has used them to give us three lessons on the necessity of Christian principles in our recreation. Let us see to it that we do not need a fourth lesson. It might be a fearful one.

"The Mercy of the Lord Endureth Forever."

On March 9 the Bulletin said: "Within the past few days four students have narrowly escaped accidental death. Two of them were very well prepared: they were returning from confession. The other two were not in condition to make an Act of Contrition."

Prayers.

Raymond Keiser, of Niles, asks prayers for his father, who is very low following an operation. Three other students ask prayers for relatives or friends who are sick, and two for deceased persons. -- An anniversary Mass was said this morning for a young man who was killed last year on his way home from confession. He had been leading a wild life for a year, and three days in jail had decided him to return to the Church. He got half-way. He was lucky. Pray for him.