

Two Hundred Thousand Without Two Hundred.

In spite of the indifference of approximately two hundred students, who have not received the Sacraments once this year, the number of Holy Communions since September will today reach 200,000.

Imagine that in terms of grace. Not a hundred times, not a thousand times, not ten thousand times, but twenty times ten thousand times has Our Blessed Lord visited students at Notre Dame this year, to fill their hearts with grace, to heal the wounds of sin, to wipe away tears of sorrow, to enliven lagging spirits, to bless their days of labor and play, to make them strong against the ever-crowding allurements of the flesh and blandishments of the world. Two hundred thousand times has He given them a foretaste of what He was stored up for them in Eternity.

Imagine it in terms of mortal sin. It is not hard for one who remains away from the Sacraments for months at a time to average one mortal sin a day. One individual may never commit a mortal sin, but some other individual will commit two to make up for him. Suppose each of these Holy Communions eliminated one mortal sin -- that would mean the avoidance of two hundred thousand mortal sins. And if we know what mortal sin means to God, if we consider it in terms of the Passion and Death of Our Lord, or in terms of its eternal punishment in Hell, we can see that these Holy Communions have lent a great service to the All-Holy God.

Imagine it in terms of spiritual energy, in terms of blessings to your family, of protection to Notre Dame, in any way you like: these two hundred thousand Holy Communions are a boon the vast extent of which we will know only in Heaven. Let us thank God fervently for them in Holy Communion tomorrow.

March.

Holy Communions during March were as follows:

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1081	1464	1458	1694	1417
1538	1337	1388	1376	1367	1385	1403
1413	1320	1376	1324	1263	1260	1261
1304	1214	1294	1340			

Note on Sundays and Thursdays the drop of a hundred a week.

Note the influence of St. Patrick's Day (1263) on the two days following.

Note the meagre response to the request for prayers for Bill Mitchell (last four days).

The Survey Among Friends.

The alumni are giving the recent Religious Survey a great reception. An ex-captain of the Golf Team questions the authorship of a certain remark on page 115. A happy bachelor berates the cynics of Chapter VI, and says that he finds so many good, bright, interesting girls that he intends to vote for polygamy; meanwhile he is looking for the means to support one girl. He is from Akron. Another graduate says the introduction alone is worth the price of the book -- which is a rather ambiguous remark.

Make Up for Lost Time.

Perhaps the questionnaires will reach you today. The printer has had the copy for a week. As a personal favor, please return them promptly. Every day's delay means the loss of about fifty answers.