

Religious Bulletin

May 21, 1927

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\* Please offer Holy Communion tomorrow \*  
\* for the intentions of the Holy Father, \*  
\* Pope Pius XI, who has graciously ex- \*  
\* tended his blessing to all the facul- \*  
\* ty and students of the University of \*  
\* Notre Dame, particularly to the daily \*  
\* and frequent communicants. \*  
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Questions From the Questionnaire.

67. Is it offensive to the Divine Plan (sinful) to live in the world and not marry?  
Ans. It may be a sin of selfishness. True marriage is essentially unselfish: in it two parties merge their common interests for mutual helpfulness and submerge their individual interests for the purpose of carrying on God's plan of creation. If a person abstains from marriage for an unselfish purpose he does not sin.

68. I have a tendency to commit sin too freely. What is good for it?  
Ans. Meditation cures thoughtlessness. So does sad experience. A wise man does not wait for experience to cure him.

69. Why does the Church make Mass compulsory under pain of mortal sin?  
Ans. Experience has taught her that when people do not keep in touch with God through worship they lose the notion of God. See what has happened to Protestantism in this country through the lack of an obligation of worship.

70. Why do we have to get up so early for morning prayer?  
Ans. Because Notre Dame is not a Home for Convalescents.

71. How can one become more devout at Mass?  
Ans. By learning more about the Mass, and by using an English Missal.

72. Why does a fallen-away Catholic often defend the Church more strenuously than a good Catholic does?  
Ans. Undoubtedly many try to salve their consciences in this way; again, failure to practise may be the fruit of faulty training, and the heart may still be well disposed.

73. If one has no direct calling for the priesthood could he just go ahead and make the sacrifice and forget the world?  
Ans. This "direct calling" business is more or less of a mystery. If a person feels that he would like the life and is willing to make the sacrifice, he need not wait for a "direct calling." He should see a priest and follow his advice.

74. Why do the disciplinarians insist on going out on Saturday night to look for unnecessary trouble?  
Ans. If you refuse the student the right to be protected against his animal impulses by fear of discipline, at least you must grant the University of Our Lady the right to protect its reputation against the reproaches that can be brought against it by the actions of those whose self-respect and family honor desert them on Saturday night. You may never have reflected that the honor of Our Lady is bound up with your actions when you enroll under her standard.

Prayers.

Two special intentions and two persons who are ill are recommended to your prayers.