

Religious Bulletin

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Harbor the Harborless.

While a great reward is promised for the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, and the spiritual work of instructing the ignorant is the self-imposed task of the Bulletin it is not quite prepared for the cold shoulder you have given the virtue of charity this year.

A month ago tomorrow, September 21, the Bulletin offered you an opportunity to harbor the harborless -- to contribute one hundred dollars to help put a roof on the home of a poor missionary priest out in New Mexico. This priest has built fifteen churches in that state; he has taken care of God's house, but he hasn't a decent house to live in himself. And the total response in thirty days has been \$42.41 -- and the last five dollars of that amount came from a visitor who happened to read one of the Bulletin appeals.

What's become of all the money you won on the fight? And on the team? And in crap games? A couple of dollars of fight money came in for the roof, but you have been mighty stingy with the rest. How much have you spent on yourself this fall? How much on shows? How much on tobacco? How much on sin? If 2800 fellows can't cut loose from more than \$1.23 a day for a good cause, there's something wrong at Notre Dame. Father Molinie can get along, of course; he has for the past twenty-three years, and he has nothing worse than asthma and hay fever to show for it. But you can't get along if you are not charitable. Why, you are not even a Christian if you don't practice that virtue. You may have your hidden virtues, of course, but Our Lord said something one time about putting your light on a candlestick, where it would illuminate the house. We are waiting for illumination.

Servers Meet Tonight.

Father March will meet the servers in the church tonight at 6:30.

The General Communion.

John Fredericks, President of the Senior Class, authorizes the announcement that while all the members of the class are invited to receive Holy Communion next Sunday for the spiritual and temporal needs of the Missions, the class will not receive in a body. The inconvenience imposed by selecting one of the four Masses for such an act would hinder its effectiveness. The members are particularly requested to take care of the matter of confession before Sunday morning. The rush for the confessionals during the seven o'clock Mass on the campus and the eight o'clock Mass in town still continues; the result is that many who would otherwise go are discouraged. Thoughtfulness should distinguish the senior.

Why Daily?

Why should a student receive Holy Communion daily? Why do you eat daily? Because you are hungry, you say. And would you stop eating if something happened to kill the appetite of hunger? If you have killed your spiritual hunger, or if you have never had it awakened, at least you can reason to the need of spiritual food, as you would reason to the need of material food if your appetite disappeared.

Isn't there danger of it becoming a habit? There are worse habits you could form. Does food lose its nourishing power because you eat through habit? You can form habits of prayer and habits of virtue to work with the habit of daily Communion and enable it to nourish the soul as God intends that it should.

The requirements are two; the state of grace, and a right intention.