

Religious Bulletin
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Just A Suggestion.

Here is a suggestion for the Junior Prom; It is handed to the Bulletin by a priest who is intensely interested in your spiritual welfare. It is merely a suggestion, but its intrinsic worth and the dignity of the one offering it demand for it consideration.

"Dear Father: The athletic teams have heavenly patrons and patronesses for their various games. The idea has much to command it, particularly if the players (I understand they do) imitate the virtues of the Saint whose medal they wear. Could not as much be done for the student dances? I am told that the Junior Prom will end on the morning of the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The choice of the Immaculate Conception as Patroness of the dance would not only confirm it as honest recreation, but would constitute a protest modern worldly ideas of Junior Proms.

"Rev. _____, C.S.C."

The suggestion is an admirable one, and it is hereby tendered to the Junior Class. If the Class has no intention of adopting it officially, individual members may care to carry it out. All students who apply by Thursday noon will be furnished with Miraculous Medals for themselves and their partners.

Just a Warning.

Valentine Day is coming -- a week from today. Better behave yourself. The mail man knows where you live.

Suppose We Make It Two Thousand.

There is a growing suspicion that the school is too big, and there seems to be a movement on foot to do something about it. Two thousand would be a nice number, and the suggestion is herewith tendered the deans and the faculty of discipline to reduce the student body to two thousand by this time next week. The Prom will be over by that time and many of the students will then have got all that is worth while out of college.

The Devil is Mad At Notre Dame.

"And the Lord God said to the serpent: Because thou hast done this thing, thou art cursed among all cattle and beasts of the earth; upon thy breast shalt thou go, and earth shalt thou eat all the days of thy life. And I will put enmities between thee and the woman, and thy seed and her seed: she shall crush thy head, and thou shalt lie in wait for her heel." - Genesis, iii, 14, 15.

Mary has crushed the head of the serpent. That is why the devil hates the Blessed Virgin and everything connected with her. You have been told time and again that where the world is active the devil can take it easy; that where grace is active he must work hard. Daily Communion makes hard work for the devil at Notre Dame.

The daily average of Communions during January, 1928, was 1288; during January, 1927, it was 1142; January, 1926, it was 984. The figure two years ago was 22 below the semester average, last year it was three below, this year it was twenty-seven above the semester average. Religion is prosperous at Notre Dame, and the devil is active. During the past few weeks the University has had a run of ugly publicity. These facts may help you to understand it.

Prayers.

Joe Savoldi's recovery from his operation seems assured, but he has developed a dangerous cold. A student asks prayers for a family friend who has just suffered a serious accident. Bob McVety says he wants some publicity for his cold; he is bed-ridden.