

The Extra Day.

A few people here and there over the world, including Notre Dame, will enjoy the comparatively rare privilege of a birthday tomorrow. What are you going to do with the extra day? The Calendar suggests that you give it back to God.

The Novena For Vocations.

An oversight caused an error in the calculation of the day for beginning the Novena for Vocations; it begins today, and not tomorrow, as announced in church Sunday. It will end on the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, a week from tomorrow. If you wish to make it and did not receive Holy Communion this morning you can begin tomorrow and carry it over an extra day.

Two favors are sought in this Novena:

1. The grace to know your own state in life -- the work that will make you happiest and for which you are best fitted;
2. The welfare of the Church, which needs vocations perhaps more than ever.

The choice of a state of life is one of the most critical decisions you have to make for yourself. Some boys fall naturally into something and have no worry about it. Others seem to have no natural inclination for the logical place that seems open to them and seem to have considerably worry in making an adjustment. Still others are without any "logical place" and with or without natural inclinations. One has to live; even if he has no need to work to support himself, he still has to work to be happy. Few people have the gift of loafing perpetually with peace of mind. Your boss and your job have a lot to do with your happiness or your discontent.

The third angle of your future happiness is covered by a Novena that starts a week from Saturday -- the Novena for a Happy Marriage.

All three angles of your future happiness are covered by this week's Novena. Your chief worries are a boss, a job, and a wife. The three vows of religion take care of the three; the vow of obedience gives you a boss and a life job; the vow of poverty takes care of your living wage; the vow of chastity frees you from the attempt to please a wife.

Prayers and Thanks.

A letter of thanks from the parents of Orville Smith tells that the boy is improving steadily. John McFarlane will undergo an operation for appendicitis today. Two important special intentions. Wm. Ginder's father is to undergo a serious operation.

Your Bishop Prays For You.

Bishop Noll, our chief pastor in this diocese, was informed last week that the Communion record made on the occasion of his spiritual bouquet last year, 1879, still stands, in spite of the extraordinary attendance on Wash Wednesday. In reply he says: "Thank the students for me and promise them a remembrance in my Masses." In turn we promise him a remembrance in our prayers and Holy Communions.

"The Greatest Thing in the World is the Mass."

"There are two devotions that I would especially commend during the holy season of Lent: they are the daily Mass and the Way of the Cross. The greatest thing in the world is the Mass.... The Mass... is wholly for God, Communion wholly for ourselves."
-- Bishop McDonald.