

Religious Bulletin

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The New Record.

Nineteen hundred and ten Holy Communion were received yesterday by the students. The next highest figure ever recorded at Notre Dame was 1879, on the First Friday of October, 1926, when you offered a spiritual bouquet for the Bishop of Fort Wayne, who was concluding the retreat he had given us.

Without much effort we could name at least 150 students who did not receive yesterday but have received since Lent started. Just what the actual attendance of Catholic students is now we have no accurate knowledge, but it seems certain that there are no now more than 350 or 400 students who have not received the Sacraments in the last ten days. This simplifies very considerably the task of the Prefect of Religion in making sure that all the students make their Easter Duty.

Ostriches flock together. There are 225 names on the off-campus black list, and most of these are gathered together in pairs or triplets or quadrupeds. This also simplifies the task. So far as the campus ostriches go, they are not so hard to reach, and a few prayers and a good shove will put most of them over. We then reach the irreducible minimum of those who don't want to be Catholics this year, and we pray that they will not get knocked off before they get a chance for the Sacraments. God has been good to us in this matter.

A final word about the Fighting Irish before we leave this subject. The Irish have the notion at times that they have a sort of monopoly on the Faith. Of the first fifty names on the Black List mentioned above, seventeen are Irish. Some of the Irish have strong Faith, and it works out in Hope and Charity. We can't say just what is the matter with the rest of the Irish -- but they do say that the Irish are proud.

Prayers.

Walter Goff wires that his father died Wednesday night; he also asks that you be thanked for all that your prayers did for his father. A student asks prayers for a deceased friend and for another friend who is ill. Another student prays that his mother will be spared an operation. A third asks prayers for the reconciliation of a separated Catholic couple with a child one year old. Two former students ask prayers for special intentions.

Two Shoes and a Neck.

The first response for Father Goodall came in the form of ten dollars from a workman here. That ought to buy a horse's neck. Two students came in the next morning with each a dollar for a horse shoe. Two bits came in yesterday morning for hay. We want speed if we are going to get this horse assembled before he is too old to be useful to our missionary.

For Milk.

Two offerings, one of ten dollars and one of fifty cents came in after the appeal Thursday for our tubercular friend in New Mexico.

St. Joseph Cords.

The cord you see the boys wearing around their waists is the Cord of St. Joseph, a sacramental blessed and indulgenced by the Church. The cord is worn in honor of the Saint, for the graces of purity and a happy death. The wearer can gain an indulgence of sixty days for every good work he does while in the state of grace. For a cord call at room 141 Sorin Hall.