

Religious Bulletin

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Prayers.

Tom Casey, of Badin Hall, asks prayers for his father who died yesterday; Tom's mother and brother died in his freshman year. Steve Ronay, a graduate of last June, was injured in an auto accident yesterday morning. Bernard Bird received word yesterday afternoon that his father is not expected to live; he left for Buffalo immediately. Bud Eyanson has gone to the hospital with an infected hand. Mr. Fenlon thanks you for prayers said for his mother, whose condition is reported as more favorable.

St. Thomas Aquinas.

The patron of philosophers is honored by the Church tomorrow. Our Novena for Vocation was addressed to him this year. Here are some things to remember about him:

1. He knew just about everything there was to be known, yet he was humble enough to be a Saint;
2. He turned down wealth, honor, and position to become a friar in what was then a despised Order, and resisted all the entreaties and plots of his family to remain faithful to his vocation;
3. By heroic resistance to a plot against his chastity he obtained from God the special grace of preservation from all inclination to impurity;
4. He was a model of prayer.

The Novena ends tomorrow. If your problem is not solved, keep on praying. That's what St. Thomas would have done.

The Happy Marriage.

The Novena for this intention begins next Saturday. During the Novena an old set of Bulletins will be revived. They have been printed twice before, and the last issue of them was a thousand copies. They cover rather thoroughly the essentials of preparation for marriage.

Milk.

Twenty dollars for our sick boy in New Mexico came in since the last report -- but again it was not from a student. Almost two-thirds of the \$129 contributed thus far for this cause has come from non-students.

That Intention is Still Urgent.

About two weeks ago your prayers were requested for a special intention that was listed as very urgent. A letter received yesterday states that the intention is still very urgent, thanks you for the prayers you have said, and begs a continuance. Keep up the good work. Some day the mystery about the matter will be cleared up, and you will be very glad that you prayed without asking questions.

A Foolish Fear of Confession.

Yesterday something was said about fear of confession. Now and then one runs across the case of a student who is afraid to go to confession because he thinks what he says will be used against him. That is, of course, the K.K.K. idea of the Sacrament of Penance; Catholics know that the Sacramental Seal not only keeps the priest from communicating knowledge gained in confession to another, but keeps him from making any use of it himself in his dealings with the penitent outside of confession -- if he knows who the penitent is. The hardest task of a priest who hears many confessions is to keep his attention keyed to remember that there are sins until he gives advice and absolution. And what Nature does not give in this, the Holy Ghost supplies.