

Religious Bulletin

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House Gossip.

Many curious little things happened during the past month, and it may help to set some of them down here. Human nature and the Grace of God form some strange contrasts.

St. Joseph's claim to being the most popular Saint at Notre Dame is belied by the fact that on his feast the number of Communions was the lowest of any day in Lent -- 1425.

The number of Communions during March was 49,757; the daily average, 1605. The number from September till the end of March was 241,611; the daily average, 1327.

Holy Communions the day following Chas. Casey's death numbered just two more than the same day of the previous week, and 70 more than the previous day; but increase from Wednesday to Thursday the previous week was exactly the same, 70.

The first Requiem Mass for Casey brought an increase of three Communions over the preceding day; the second one, an increase of twenty over the previous day, but a decrease of twenty-one from the previous Requiem.

Spiritual bouquets were gathered twice for the Casey family. The results follow:

Masses said.....	5	
Masses heard.....	207	232
Holy Communions.....	380	376
Rosaries.....	149	142
Way of the Cross.....	55	53
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament....	69	102
Visits to the Grotto.....	87	95

It was largely a different group of students providing the flowers for the second bouquet, but the results were strikingly similar. The grace of God went out to a different group the second time.

In like manner, there were many students at Holy Communion after the death of Chas. Casey who were not there before; but the number of communicants remained constant. The grace of God went out to a different group.

A book could be written on the rejection of grace this month. Most striking things occurred. Every time a personal effort to draw a student to the Sacraments was rejected, another -- or perhaps two or three -- came in to take his place. Four students stated on their questionnaires that they had left the Church; two were baptized and two others began instructions. Keep your eye on the devil now.

Questionnaires? The last week brought in 107, and the total is now 575, distributed as follows:

Brownson.....	99	Lyons.....	38
Morrissey.....	66	Howard.....	38
Freshman.....	66	Badin.....	31
Carroll.....	65	Walsh.....	31
Off-campus.....	46	Corby.....	28
Sophomore.....	41	Sorin.....	19
Unclassified.....	5	Exiles.....	2

There is one smart boy on the campus. He lives in Howard Hall. He sneaked in a blank Questionnaire with the sage advice, "Don't be so dumb." Nobody will ever goof that boy.

PRAYERS: Fr. Rickards, C.S.C., lost his father a few days ago; three special intentions. Capt. John Smith's brother has just had an operation for appendicitis.