

Religious Bulletin
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Once More The Summons Comes.

For the fourth time this year death has cast a shadow on the campus. First, it was a sophomore; next, a senior; then a junior was called; this time it was a freshman.

Orville Smith died Holy Thursday, the day of the Institution of the Blessed Sacrament. He was taken ill here in January. A cold went into pneumonia, and then a lung collapse. For several days his life hung in the balance, and he was prepared for death. Then he took a turn for the better and before long was able to go home. He improved steadily for a time, and then went down swiftly.

He died on a beautiful day, a day full of significance for Notre Dame men. Were we to choose we could not find a day more appropriate for our last Holy Communion than the one on which Our Lord gave His Apostles their First. On that day we pick flowers to adorn the Repository in which the Sacred Host remains until the Mass of the Presanctified on Good Friday morning. Does God also pick flowers on that day?

On Holy Thursday four years ago we lost another boy, big-hearted Bill Dockman. He was as big in mind and body as he was in heart. Orville Smith was frail and quiet and gentle. He was so reserved that few knew him, but those who did were warm friends. Bill Dockman and Orville Smith were opposite types, but they both loved God and God enveloped them in His Infinite Love. He gave both of them a rare privilege that we can envy them.

For the consolation of the Smith family please check below the offerings you will make for the repose of Orville's soul. Friday morning at 6:20 we will have a Requiem Mass for him. Please make it a point to be there.

Masses heard

Masses said

Holy Communions

Rosaries

Way of the Cross

Visits - Blessed Sacrament

Grotto

Prayers for Others.

Prof. Wack asks prayers for a brother who died on Holy Saturday, and Joe Szabo for his mother who died the same day. Walter and Ned Mulflur recommend a two-year-old nephew who is quite ill. Father Healy asks prayers for two relatives who are ill.

God's Warnings.

Although Our Lord told us to be always ready for the summons that might come at any time, we have to have the warning driven home constantly. To be ready means to be in the state of grace, for that alone can insure for us a merciful Judgment. God's warnings this year have been varied. Frank Gallagher hovered between life and death for ten days; Gene Kelly's illness lasted a few days, but was critical only for an hour or so; Charlie Casey's warning was only a moment; Orville Smith's lasted three months. These warnings are for us who remain. May they not be in vain!