

Religious Bulletin

May 23, 1928

May Devotions.

We will assemble for our last May Devotions tonight at 7:30. It will be the last time a great many of you will hear a sermon on the Blessed Virgin in her University.

Easter Duty.

There are many things more terrible than kneeling before a priest in the confessional. The most terrible is dying in mortal sin. We have had enough sudden deaths this year to drive home the lesson -- two workmen died suddenly in twelve hours last fall, one of them, it is reported, a fallen-away Catholic, the other a daily communicant; a student, and a girl friend of some students, both of them frequent communicants, were killed in accidents. Any man who is afraid to go to confession is a brave man, but it is the bravery that will call foolhardiness, not courage.

The Easter Duty season closes a week from Sunday. And you may not have that long to live.

A Note To Callers.

Callers who look for the Prefect of Religion in the morning should know that when he is not in his room he is in the chapel across the way.

Lost and Found.

Who found a venetian billfold which a lady lost on the campus a few days ago, and for which a liberal reward is offered? And who left some money in a telephone booth? And who left a missal in the basement chapel?

Prayers.

Word has been received from Portland, Oregon, of the death of Mr. Casey, father of Charles, who was killed here March 21 in an auto accident; and of the death of Col. Pierce Murphy, an alumnus of Notre Dame. Father McGinn, C.S.C., asks prayers for his brother who died Monday. M. J. Yanulewicz has received word from home that his sister is not expected to live. Prof. DeLandro underwent an operation yesterday.

Bolstering For Vacation.

Many a boy goes through a perfectly good year at Notre Dame with the vague fear in the back of his head that he is going to go to pieces when he gets back home for vacation and meets the gang that proved an occasion of sin in high school days. Anyone who goes home with such a fear is already half licked. There is no need for a collapse if the school has built character. Abstinence from sin dulls the nervous inclination to it, the cultivation of the will during the year makes it stronger against attacks in the future, and the grace of God is always at hand for the willing.

Daily Communion may not be possible during the summer, but if one does the best he can he should know that God will give him in his less frequent Communions all the grace he needs. And he can always say the beads -- and carry with him to finger in case of need.

Any boy who has entertained such a fear or feels it coming on him now needs to see a spiritual director. A wise and calm analysis of his case will turn up the best means for preserving what he has gained here. And he should take care of it now, as there will be many calls for similar attention before the close of school, and these, together with the ordinary day's work for the priest, will cut down the opportunity of getting an interview.

"Catholic Facts."

A fresh supply of this excellent booklet which Bishop Noll published at Christmas is now at the Pamphlet Rack.