

Echoes From the Mission.

I.

"Far better for you to go to hell from a state university than from Notre Dame -- your accountability will be less as your ignorance is greater..... You can fix your goal for the shadowy hope of peace and comfort, if not luxury, in this life, and take a chance on eternity; or you can make eternity your goal, and take a chance on making a living for the year, few or many, God will give you on this earth..... Rather a thousand obscure but honest alumni than one Notre Dame man in hell.... You can't get an education at Notre Dame unless you live in the state of grace."

II.

"Sin is the brutal, coarse work of a big bully..... The pleasures the world offers us today are pretty shoddy: they are the distinguishing characteristics of the hog, the goat, and the untamed African savage.... Our soul sleeps, our neighbor is kind, and God is patient; and we go on defying the Law of love..... Make up your mind to one thing: leave sin out of your life at Notre Dame."

III.

"The devil is a wily orator. He can sway the crowd -- but he can't give absolution. He has many brilliant wise cracks, and is quick at repartee, but he doesn't wipe tears from your face when you are dying, and he offers no comfort to your mother when your body is lying on a cold slab in the morgue after it has been fished out of the river.. Who will be with you when you die? Men have died in jail, in saloons, in theatres, in houses of shame. Who will unpack your trunk, and search your clothes, and go through your papers? Is there nothing there that would bring a blush of shame to your mother or your sister? Is your life an open book?....."

IV.

"When did you put my followers to the sword? When you circulated a book that robbed hundreds of their purity. When did you shed your brother's blood? When you made drunkards of freshmen at college, when you scandalized non-Catholics by your foul language and your disrespect to the Blessed Sacrament. When did you slaughter innocents? There are women waiting in hell to tell you that..... Yours is the greater guilt because you have sinned against the light. You were a Catholic, and you missed Mass on Sunday; you were a Notre Dame man, and you made a mockery of your Heavenly Patroness, My own Blessed Mother.... You were within the portals of heaven, and you chose hell. For graces rejected, yours in the greater torment."

V.

"Why can not our poor souls, at the foot of the cross, learn something other than a selfish motive for the service of God? Must we always be good only because we fear hell? Can't we find in our hearts a spark of love?..... It was at the foot of the cross that Notre Dame was founded, for it was there that Mary became the Mother of all honest boys...."

VI.

"Attach to the state of grace the importance it holds in God's eyes... If you have the misfortune to fall into mortal sin, make an Act of Contrition at once, and go to confession as soon as possible..... Have a spiritual program...."

PRAYERS: Three operations; four sick; three deceased; five special intentions; a brother of Mike and Tom Farrell died Sunday; Paul Rist's mother died recently.