

Religious Bulletin

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The Cost of a Trip: 2436 Communions.

By last Saturday the reception of Holy Communion was almost back to normal, and we now have two weeks that we can compare -- the week before, and the week after the Chicago trip. The statistics show only one item of what it costs God to grant us a victory:

O	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Totals
October 6 -	1487	1524	1249	1337	1228	1338	1383	9546
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Who Lost The Game?

The Bulletin for October 11 stated: "The history of Notre Dame football is replete with incidents which show that whenever a lesson is needed for the fans it comes. Whenever betting on Notre Dame becomes topheavy, we lose. Whenever sin in celebration of victory becomes rampant, we lose. Whenever we get a set of students who are too imbued with the spirit of the world and can see nothing in spiritual values, we lose. Let's get at the dirt behind our ears....."

Who lost the game? Ask the house detectives at the Stevens and the Morrison. Ask the ushers at the 3:00 o'clock Mass. Ask the ushers and bouncers at a few more places.

Plaste this inside your hat: YOU WONT GET VICTORY UNTIL YOU CAN STAND IT.

It's a shame to treat the team that way. The boys work hard, and in general they do a much better job of behaving themselves than the shallow-pated fans. There is this much in their favor: When they lose it is with no detriment to their self-respect.

What Can You Do About It?

Show God you didn't mean it, that it was only ignorance on your part, and that you have learned your lesson. Here are a few ways to do it;

1. Make a novena of reparation to the Blessed Virgin if you dishonored the name of her school after the Navy Game;
2. Give in charity as much as you spent on sin -- any charity you choose, but preferably one that will spread the Faith;
3. Get back into the state of grace at once if you need to;
4. Take a pledge against liquor as an act of self-denial to be offered for the team. Make the pledge for the rest of this semester.

Of course, you can do as you please about it. The school is not worried, and the players know that they can be just as great in adversity as in prosperity, but if you want victory, you know how to get it. You know very well that for three days before the Navy Game this was a pretty holy place, and many plans for wickedness were called off; and you know, too, that this helped the team. You know what to do; all you need is the good will to do it.

Prayers.

An aunt of Kelly Powers is to undergo an operation this week. Two students ask prayers for deceased friends, and three for special intentions.

"Faith and Facts."

This pamphlet, used in several Religion classes, is now at the rack.