

First Friday Confessions.

If you look over the revised graph of daily Communion which hangs at the entrance to the Basement Chapel you will find several new and important steeples, the most striking of which are the lines indicating the First Fridays, the Army Game, the Carnegie Game, and the Mass for Jack Gleason.

A steeple requires an up-stroke and a down-stroke. There is no apparent difficulty about the down-stroke; that seems to come most naturally. But the up-stroke means a great many confessions this time -- at least six hundred. You know very well that six hundred confessions cannot be heard during the 6:30 Mass of Exposition tomorrow morning. There seems therefore, to be but one logical conclusion:

Go to confession today in the Sorin chapel or after supper in the basement chapel or at 7:30 this evening in one of the hall chapels.

The Prophet Isaias and Sorin Hall.

There is a Novena going on, a Novena in honor of the Immaculate Conception. Its main intention is the grace of purity. There must be fully twenty-five Sorin Hall students receiving Holy Communion these mornings. Isaias must have had Sorin Hall in mind when he wrote, 3000 years ago:

"I will sing to my beloved the canticle of my cousin concerning his vineyard. My beloved had a vineyard on a hill in a fruitful place.

"And he fenced it in, and picked the stones out of it, and planted it with the choicest vines, and built a tower in the midst thereof, and set up a winepress therein; and he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes.

"And now, O ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and ye men of Juda, judge between me and my vineyard.

"What is there that I ought to do more to my vineyard, that I have not done to it? was it that I looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it hath brought forth wild grapes?

"And now I will show you what I will do to my vineyard. I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be wasted: I will break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden down.

"And I will make it desolate: and it shall not be pruned, and it shall not be digged; but briers and thorns shall come up: and I will command the clouds to rain no more upon it." -- Isaias, chapter v, verses 1 - 6.

These considerations are in the First Nocturne of the Divine Office for today, Thursday of the First Week in Advent. May the prayers of the Church today avail Sorin Hall that the hedge be not taken away, nor the vineyard wasted, nor the wall broken down.

Prayers.

Patsy Varraveto, who received his degree last June, wires that his mother is very low and unconscious; he asks prayers that she may revive to receive Holy Communion before she dies. Tom Kelly, a junior in Badin Hall, has been called to his home in Hazelton, Pa., by the death of his father in an accident. Otto Hausmann's sister is very ill. Jack Rockne and Edmund Hogan need many prayers. Three special intentions.