

Religious Bulletin
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Father Carroll Tonight.

Father Carroll will preach at the Lenten Devotions tonight. This is the last of the series of Lenten sermons.

Anniversaries Tomorrow.

The Mass for Charles Casey tomorrow will be in the Lyons Hall chapel, the one for Wm. Mitchell in the Sorin chapel at 7:20.

Two More Anniversaries.

Holy Thursday, a week from tomorrow, marks two more anniversaries of student deaths of the past few years. Orville Smith died Holy Thursday last year after a prolonged illness; Wm. Dockman died five years ago from loss of blood when his legs were cut by a freight train. The large ciborium used for Holy Communion on Sunday mornings is a memorial presented by his parents.

Pray for these four boys, both tomorrow and Holy Thursday, and learn from them always to be prepared to die. By the grace of God they were prepared. Casey had no warning; Dockman lived six hours, conscious all the time, and had a priest with him when he died; Mitchell lived nearly four days, and was delirious nearly all the time except on the three occasions when he became himself for the separate administration of the three Sacraments; Smith lingered on for five months. Three of these deaths were accidental; be prepared to go when God wants you.

Easter Duty.

Your example may be all that some particular student needs to get him to make his Easter Duty with the rest on Friday. Suppose you have fulfilled the precept of the Church: it won't hurt you to go again and take part in this common act of reparation to our Blessed Mother for the sorrows we have caused her.

Do a little missionary work. You know of some one who has not received the Sacraments in quite a while; if you don't, call on the Prefect of Religion and look over his list. Our Lord promises that if you save your brother's soul from death you will not lose your own; that's a promise worth while.

Get to confession early. These nights are full of distractions, and it will be impossible for the confessionals in the church to accommodate all that will want to go to confession Friday morning. As a matter of consideration for those who seldom go, put your own conscience right ahead of time.

Pray for the laggards. One can always resist the grace of God, but your prayers may obtain for some one so much grace that his resistance will falter. Think of the joy some boy's mother will get if he goes to the Sacraments with her Easter Sunday; if he goes now it is more than likely that he will go then.

Note: There is always some expression of resentment of the fact that the Prefect of Religion uses assistants, both professors and disciplinarians, in rounding up laggards for their Easter Duty. What do you expect? He has neither omnipotence, omnipresence, nor omniscience, so he can't go it alone; he respects the shyness and prejudice that keep some people away from him, and doesn't want to go it alone. The men he never sees are wont to make more work for him than a hundred he sees daily. At this time of year he goes after them from three or four angles at once.

PRAYERS: A little nephew of Walter Cahill is ill with double pneumonia. James Fogar of Philadelphia, an alumnus, is quite ill. Four special intentions, one very urgent.