

Religious Bulletin
April 25, 1929

Diocesan Approval.

As soon as the success of the plan for Perpetual Adoration was assured by a sufficient number of volunteers, appeal for approval was made to the Very Rev. Vicar General of the diocese of Fort Wayne, Father John P. Durham, for the proper approval. His reply yesterday states that he gladly grants our request and congratulates the students on their ability to offer such a magnificent tribute to the Blessed Sacrament. This means that the Perpetual Adoration is now fully assured, and has the blessing of the proper ecclesiastical authorities. The blessings it will bring to the University and to the individuals who take part in it are incalculable. Without doubt your happiest memories of Notre Dame will center about the Bernini Altar and the month of May, 1929.

Sunday Exposition For Novenas.

While the Blessed Sacrament will not be exposed throughout the day on the Sundays of May and on Ascension Thursday, it will be exposed at 7:00 p.m. on these days to enable those who are making Novenas of Adoration to continue their prayers on nine successive days. Benediction will be at 7:30 on these days, as usual. May 12 is an exception. The Mass of Exposition usually scheduled for the third Sunday is moved up to the Second Sunday of May because of the solemn Mass of the feast of Pentecost on the Third Sunday. The Mass of Exposition at 9:00 a.m. on May 12 will take place of the evening exposition, and there will be no evening devotions.

The Great Teacher's Classes.

Various reasons are assigned by students for liking some teachers more than others; it happens also that when a student is badgering his dean for assignment to the class of some particular teacher he has one reason in his heart and another on his lips. Whatever the reasons for the popularity or unpopularity of individual teachers any student who has spent any time at Notre Dame is a fool to reject registration in the classes of the Great Teacher, Who founded the College of the Apostles.

You register for the class when you sign the adoration card. You receive no credit for the class in the office of the Director of Studies, but you can learn more in that class than in any other; your course is not complete without it, although your degree is not held up if you cut out of the class. You come and go at your will, not His; He is always there waiting for you, and He greets you with a smile and takes you to His Heart; He is patient, kind, forgiving, unmindful of neglect and thoughtlessness.

He can give you much knowledge, for He is the Author of Knowledge; He can also make you wise, for He is Wisdom; Counsel and Understanding are His to give; He not only inspires Courage, as do other teachers -- He gives it, and with it Piety and Fear of the Lord. "I will ask the Father, and He shall give you another Paraclete....He will teach you all things, and bring all things to your mind, whatsoever I shall have said to you....He shall glorify Me, because He shall receive of Mine and shall show it to you."---John, xiv, 16, 26; xvi, 14.

"Choose for thyself a retired place; love to dwell with thyself alone; seek not to be talking with anyone, but rather pour forth devout prayer to God, that thou mayest keep thy mind in compunction, and thy conscience pure. Esteem the whole world as nothing; prefer attendance on God before all external occupations. For thou canst not both attend to Me and at the same time delight thyself in transitory things."
A Kempis, ix, 53.

Twenty-five Short.

At noon yesterday the seniors were only 25 short of their quota of 360 half-hours of adoration before the beginning of examinations, but the distribution of hours was poor in some cases; 70 half-hours were not taken.