

Gathering Up The Fragments.

The miracle of the loaves and fishes was performed the day before Our Lord's promise of the Blessed Sacrament (see the sixth chapter of St. John's Gospel), and Our Lord intended that it should be understood as a type of that great Sacrament. At its conclusion He Ordered the Apostles to "gather up the fragments lest they be lost;" and twelve baskets were filled with the fragments that remained.

The Sorin chapel carries out the injunction of Our Lord to gather up the fragments. While late distribution of Holy Communion was begun at Notre Dame for the benefit of the off-campus students, their brothers living on the campus have always been welcome, and hundreds of them have made use of it. At present it seems that approximately 40% of the Holy Communions there are received by campus students; quite a few of these, of course, come before seven o'clock. Attendance of off-campus students in the Sorin chapel has increased of late to almost 60% over last year's figures. What it has amounted to you can see from this calendar of the fall months:

September		33	50	69	87	73	312	
	31	146	162	176	194	170	163	1042
	28	140	144	166	148	153	113	892
October	29	245	203	245	193	307	247	1469
	39	227	216	250	258	178	181	1349
	31	257	240	262	219	219	258	1486
	13	170	135	183	200	171	179	1101 -- Wisconsin
November	66	268	274	284	295	50	311	1548
	49	345	338	316	286	260	236	1830 --- Exams
	36	225	223	279	242	249	179	1453
	13	148	160	200	201	191	214	1127 -- So. Cal.
	32	276	253	265	190	174	194	1384
December	24	226	256	264	273	340	260	1772 -- Xmas Novena
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How many of those 18,000 Holy Communions would have been received if distribution had ended at seven o'clock? How many more would have been missed had late sleepers on the campus not had the opportunity to keep up their Novenas and other successive Communions? Our Lord taught us that fragments are precious.

And yet there are students down town and on the campus who do not know that Holy Communion is distributed all morning in the Sorin chapel. And there are many students in both places who have not yet received the Sacraments this year. It is dangerous to neglect graces too long!

Why Disgrace The Family Reunion?

Go home in the state of grace.

Prayers.

James Michael Sweeney, of New Rochelle, New York, died a few days ago; he was a student in Carroll Hall last year. Jack Saunders was called home a few days ago by the illness of his mother. Tom Kerrigan asks prayers for a brother who is ill and for a friend who has undergone an operation. Prayers are requested for three students who went home ill this fall: Al Forschner, James O'Brien, and Paul McAvoy. Four special intentions.

THANKS! The Badin Hall self-appointed congregation contributed \$12.42 for a Bengal Christmas present at their last Mass yesterday.