

Religious Bulletin

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First Friday Tomorrow

Go to confession tonight. Don't get caught in the rush.

Thanks.

Both public and private thanks have come from The Pittsburgh Catholic for the donation of twenty dollars forwarded by that newspaper to the two ladies in North Carolina. And Father Gallagher, also from North Carolina, writes to thank you -- in these words: I thank you, and through you, the boys, for their generous response to my appeal. It was really wonderful. God love you all -- always!"

A Suggestion For Founding a College.

Statistics gathered several years in a row have shown that the number of students at Notre Dame who fail to receive Holy Communion at least once a week is about 15% of the total. This year that would approximate 450, or a sufficient number to get a small college off to a good start. The University would be glad to donate this group (who seem to find religion a bore); it would bring our attendance down to something like the limit it wants.

There is a spiritual difficulty in the way of making this suggestion practical, however. As an old retreat master once told the community: "We get our satisfaction out of the bright pupils, we get our bread and butter from the mediocre ones, and we save our souls through the dumb ones." And if our earthly paradise had no tares among the wheat, there might be no heaven ahead for us.

News.

It will be news to a good many of you, apparently: The Mass begins when the priest makes the Sign of the Cross at the foot of the altar; it does not end until he leaves the altar.

Thanksgiving.

If you want your fervor at Holy Communion to continue, watch the matter of preparation and thanksgiving. It is disrespectful to rush out of church immediately after receiving Holy Communion; one should remain at least until the Host is dissolved in the stomach, which process normally requires some seven minutes. These are precious moments, not to be wasted.

Hearing the whole Mass is the best preparation and thanksgiving -- and there are not many students here who cannot hear the whole Mass if they make up their minds to do it. You are particular not to miss the beginning or the end of a football game -- but that's different, of course.

The Christmas Novena.

A spiritual bouquet to give the folks at Christmas will be found at the pamphlet rack. It mentions the following offerings: Holy Communion..... Masses heard..... Rosaries... .. Visits..... Aspirations..... Mortifications..... Novena for Christmas. This Novena will coincide with the Silver Jubilee Novena. Your attention is called to the matter now so that you will begin your Christmas saving of offerings.

Prayers.

Walter McGrath's father was killed in an accident Sunday. Two other persons who died accidental deaths during the past week were friends of students. Two relatives of Fr. Clancy are ill. A friend of several students was injured in an accident. Two students ask prayers for deceased friends, one for a deceased relative, and five for special intentions.