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Tell A Priest About It.

If your vacation was not all that it should have been, don't bother to tell all your chums about it. They can't give you absolution. Tell a priest.

Thanks For All The Christmas Spirit.

There were so many beautiful little things that happened in connection with this hard-times Christmas that we can't begin to thank everyone personally. Donations for charity came in as never before -- and there was urgent need for them. Many gave quite generously, but with the widow's mite in mind we can't help feeling partial towards the writer of the following anonymous letter:

"I can't afford to go home, but I can afford to let you have one dollar for any contribution you may be making up at the present time. -- An Off-campusher."

There was another very thoughtful student who brought in a Christmas present that duplicated an article he already had, and wanted it passed on to some needy person. And the pastor, Fr. Finnegan, wants to thank all those who helped in answer to his appeal for old clothing for the poor; a truck-load was gathered.

That is the proper Christmas spirit. Why can't we have it all year round? There are still opportunities for charity; there is much missionary work to be done among desultory students. Call the attention of some of these to yesterday's Bulletin. It was all about the opening of eyes. If their sleepy eyes are open now, make them read it -- and help them ponder.

High Praise From Our Bishop.

Under the title, "Not in a Seminary, but University," Our Sunday Visitor for January 4 carries the following editorial:

"Those who have the notion that because Notre Dame excels in athletics her students must be neglected otherwise, may be surprised to learn that hers was the only student body in the United States to observe a Novena in thanksgiving for the privilege of receiving Holy Communion daily. They were commemorating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the late Pope Pius XI's Encyclical on Frequent and Early Communion. Throughout nine days the students took their turns in kneeling for a half hour before the Blessed Sacrament in prayer. The Novena closed with a solemn procession with the Blessed Sacrament on the night before the Christmas holidays began, and the church, which seats probably 1200, was crowded.

"It may be of interest to our readers also to know that no one is permitted on Notre Dame's football team unless he is able on the basis of utter impartiality to receive the required marks in his examinations. This, of course, should be evident to those who know that Notre Dame's team wins most of its victories by headwork; no young man, lacking talent, can find a place among the first or second stringers of Coach's players."

DECEASED: Chas. (and Joe, '30) Nash's mother; Leo Clark's father; George Gru's grandmother; a cousin of the Prefect of Religion; a girl friend of a student; the mother of Herbert Colson, '27; Mrs. Strauss, old friend of the University; Roman Steyskal, '27; the father of John Tully, '11; Prof. Berthout's mother; a relative and a friend of Henry Moran. Two students ask prayers for friends who are undergoing operations. Vic Janson's mother is again very ill. Four special intentions.