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"Unclean."

Scene: Along the Mexican border. Time: Last summer.

The Speaker: "Notre Dame? There is only one man from Notre Dame in this town. I don't know him very well, and I don't want to know him any better. I sat next to him at a baseball game recently, and I had to move away. His speech was so foul that it nauseated me. I have mingled with some bad people in my time - I have even been a member of Villa's army - but I have never heard speech so foul as that man used."

That is how far treason can go - treason to the Mother of God!

On that tongue the Son of God had rested, many and many a time. It now dropped filth so horrible that it nauseated a member of Villa's army.

Corruptio optimi pessima.

Is thoughtlessness an excuse..... for men who come to college to learn to think? Can you fool yourself so easily?

You can think when your mother is near. Why can't you think when you wear the monogram of the Mother of God? If your speech is unclean, take off that monogram - whether it be on an athletic sweater, a ring, a fob, a belt buckle, a slicker, or what-not.

Perhaps your ancestors, in Elizabeth's time, had holes bored in their tongues for refusing to blaspheme the Mother of God!

Quomodo tempora mutantur.

A certain great political party has been very busy these past three years disavowing acts of dishonor done in its name in the last presidential campaign. Will Notre Dame have to go about apologizing for your unclean heart the rest of your days?

"Out of the abundance of the mouth the heart speaketh."

Your membership in any social organization pledges you to the moral principles of that organization. If you attend Notre Dame, people have a right to expect to see exemplified in you conduct worthy of the Mother of God. If you can't live up to these principles, GET OUT.

Noblesse oblige.

One week from today the Church solemnizes the feast of St. Joseph, a man's man. On that day Notre Dame students greet their fathers with a spiritual bouquet, for it is commemorated locally as Father's Day. Our Novena for this purpose is deferred this year; it will begin on the feast. In the meantime, however, pray to St. Joseph for a manly comprehension of manhood, and a Christian conception of the gift of speech.

The Rockne Masses.

The High Mass next Sunday has been assigned to the Sophomore class. To remind you, we repeat the other assignments of the Requiem Masses of the Novena: Thursday, the Notre Dame Club of Cleveland; Friday, the Law Club; Saturday, the Notre Dame Club of Buffalo; Monday, the Chicago Club (the second of five Masses they have requested). The Knights of Columbus have asked for next Tuesday, the day following the end of the Novena.  
PRAYERS: Five special intentions.