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What Becomes of The Daily Communicants?

The question refers only to the sacramental practices of Notre Dame graduates who were daily communicants during their years at Notre Dame. The question has been asked very often, and we are now in a position to answer it, thanks to the Religious Survey of the alumni, which was made last spring. (The questionnaires were analyzed this summer, and the results will be published after Christmas.)

Of the graduates who received daily or practically daily at Notre Dame,

- 9% now receive daily;
- 45% receive weekly or oftener, but not daily;
- 31% receive from one to three times a month;
- 10% receive from three to ten times a year;
- 5% receive once or twice a year.

Only two individuals of this group had not received the Sacraments in more than a year. One of these stated that the Survey had aroused him, and that he intended to return to the Sacraments at once; the other manifested, in a letter which accompanied his replies, a serious condition of melancholy.

Weekly communicants at school showed the following present record:

- 3% now receive daily;
- 26%, daily to weekly;
- 43%, weekly to monthly;
- 19%, three to ten times a year;
- 4%, once or twice a year;
- 1 individual, not at all.

Monthly communicants move back still another step in present practices:

- 2% now receive daily;
- 7%, daily to weekly;
- 51%, weekly to monthly;
- 23%, three to ten times a year;
- 8%, once or twice a year;
- 4% (seven individuals), not at all.

From another comparison you can study what are your chances of receiving weekly or monthly after you leave school. Holy Communion is now received at least once a week by 54% of the former daily communicants, 29% of the former weeklies, and only 3% of the former monthly communicants. At least once a month is now the rule of 85% of those who received daily at school, 77% of those who received weekly, 60% of those who received monthly, and 16% of those who received less often than once a month.

Intentions for Masses Sunday.

The following intentions are announced for three of the Masses next Sunday: 7:00, for the recovery of Bro. Cyprian's health; 8:00, for the repose of the soul of Eugene Kelly, a former student, who died during his last year at Notre Dame; 9:00, for the repose of the soul of John Walter, of Freshman Hall last year - by request of a friend from Oak Park, John's home. Please keep these intentions in your prayers and Holy Communions Sunday.

PRAYERS: An uncle of George Cowen is quite ill. Mr. Hall's father is ill. Tom Connor asks prayers for his father who was injured in an auto accident. A deceased friend of a student. Three special intentions.