

University of Notre Dame
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Your Manners On Parade.

"Dear Father: Some time ago I read with especial interest your Bulletin of November 21, 1930, "Knights of the Blessed Virgin;" this Bulletin was an inspiration not only to your boys but to all who read it.

"We too were inspired yesterday when some two hundred students of Notre Dame stopped over in our fair city to fulfill the duty required of them as practical Catholics.

"Through the graciousness of Rev. Joseph Schmidt, C.S.S.R., Rector of St. Joseph's Church, who met the boys at the station, perfect arrangements were made, and you can be assured that the boys made a wonderful impression by their gentlemanly discipline marching to and from the church, and especially did they edify the congregation by their Catholic conduct in church.

"Your boys have endeared themselves to us and we shall gladly welcome them back to Rochester any time.

"Wishing Notre Dame its full measure of success, and God's blessing on all your future undertaking, I remain,

"Very sincerely,

"Wm. J. Hauser."

The writer, who is assistant secretary of the Union Trust Company, of Rochester, N. Y., headed the Notre Dame delegation which met the Army Game pilgrims at the train last Sunday morning and escorted them to the church. The newspaper clipping which accompanied Mr. Hauser's letter describes the students as "quiet young men in heavy wool coats, shaved, and alarmingly well groomed after a night in the day coach;" it adds that there was only one raccoon coat - alumni "viewers-with-alarm" please note.

The University wishes to express publicly its gratitude to Father Schmidt and his assistants, and to Mr. Hauser and the Notre Dame Club of Rochester for their very fine courtesy in thus facilitating our students' attendance at Mass without inconvenience to their railroad schedule. We will treasure this manifestation of good will towards the University, and our boys will remember Rochester as a very friendly city.

The Notre Dame Pledge.

Adorned with a picture of the Blessed Virgin, and entitled, "A Word of Honor," the Notre pledge will be found at the pamphlet rack. It reads:

"Because God has blessed me with a good mother, and because I realize and accept the obligation of a Notre Dame man to uphold the standards of Christian womanhood as exemplified in the Mother of God, I pledge myself to refrain from all unclean and indecent speech and to do all in my power to banish from Our Lady's campus all unworthy speech and conduct."

Any student who cannot sign this pledge does not belong at Notre Dame. Every student has it in his power to bring this pledge to the attention of those who may have missed it - through the mail if he feels that it would do more harm than good to present it openly to those who seem to need it. It binds with special force on those who wear the initials of Our Lady, the Notre Dame Monogram, because that symbol marks them to the world as the special representatives of Our Lady's school, the "Knights of the Blessed Virgin" to whom Mr. Hauser makes reference in his letter. And we congratulate those students whose conduct in their return from the Army Game so edified the good people of Rochester.