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Some Parents Are Lucky.

Approximately 1650 students yesterday accepted the invitation to offer Holy Communion for their parents on Holy Family Sunday. Those parents are lucky to have such thoughtful sons. But there is usually more than luck in it. Home training brings its own rewards.

Church Unity Octave.

Next Monday, January 18, throughout the world, the Church begins the Church Unity Octave, an eight days' prayer for the religious unity of the world. It corresponds with the prayer of Christ at the Last Supper, "That they may be one as We are one." Leaflets with the Octave prayer will be found at the pamphlet racks in time for the Octave.

At Notre Dame we are accustomed to hand in the names of those for whom we wish the grace of faith. The sons of non-Catholic fathers or mothers are urgently requested to be mindful of this duty to their parents.

Two Bishops and the Encyclical.

With ill-advised levity, Bishop Mouson, a Methodist, attempted recently to answer the Holy Father's kindly invitation to our dissenting brethren to "come back home," and proposed that Pope Pius XI become a Methodist. Just how the cause of unity would be served by this we cannot quite see, as the Holy Father would have to choose from among the following dissenting sects: Independent Methodists (Non-Episcopal), Methodist Church, Canada, (Non-Episcopal), Methodist Episcopal, Methodist Episcopal South, Methodist Protestant, Methodist, African Methodist Episcopal, Colored Methodist Episcopal, Congregational Methodist, and African Methodist Episcopal Zion. We are not trying to start an argument: we simply want to bring the question back to its starting point - the Pope's Encyclical was a plea for Church Unity.

The presiding prelate of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Bishop Perry, in a sermon yesterday in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, also essayed an answer to the Encyclical. He is quoted as having said: "A seat of government which has been reared for the exercise of ecclesiastical power of one part of the church, involving breach of union with the other parts, and fortifying its authority with the doctrine of infallibility, can never be accepted as the center of reunion." He is also said to have quoted St. Jerome as having written in the fourth century: "The custom of the Roman Church has no more authority than that of any other. The episcopate at Rome has no more authority essentially than any other episcopate."

In other words, the Communist Party accuses the U.S. Government of breaking up the union by refusing to accede to the demands of the Communists. As for quoting St. Jerome as an opponent of the Primacy of Peter, he might as well tell us that he caught Henry Ford selling Chevrolets and knocking Fords. St. Jerome was a staunch defender of the Papacy. About 378 he wrote from the desert of Chalcis to his friend Pope Damasus: "While the sons of iniquity have consumed their inheritance, it is only among you that the inheritance of the Fathers has been preserved intact... while I follow in the first place only Christ I keep in communion with Your Holiness, i.e., with the see of Peter. I know that upon this rock the Church is established." (Ep. 15, 1,2,4) He even added: "He that gathereth not with thee, scattereth; that is, he that is not of Christ, is of Antichrist." (Ep. 16)

PRAYERS: Deceased: Edw. J. McCarthy's mother; a sister of Bro. Boniface; relatives of John Bannon, Robert Streb, Howard Gillespie, Bob and Jim Hamilton. Ill: John Conley, Soph. Hall; Mark Donovan (operation last night); Wm. Burke (operation tomorrow?); Mrs. Daele, of the local parish; Louis Williams' mother; Robert and Maurice Lee's father; Paul Brannan's brother; relatives of Worth Andrews, C.J. Gruszynski, John Murphy (Soph. Hall), Frank O'Donnell; a sick child. A conversion; four special intentions.