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Questions From The Questionnaire.

(Note: As the end of the year approaches, exigencies of time and space make it necessary to include in this feature some questions not from the survey questionnaires.)

108. Are the senior ball guests permitted to eat meat at Notre Dame next Saturday?  
Ans. Not by virtue of any dispensation granted the University.

109. Are seniors advised to make a general confession before leaving Notre Dame?  
Ans. Many seniors in the past have found the general confession before graduation a profitable spiritual experience. It is not advised for scrupulous penitents; it is advised for normal penitents when they are changing their state of life. Seniors who may wish to make such a confession are advised to take care of the matter soon; delay until the last minute before leaving may interfere with normal opportunities.

110. Is it possible for a Protestant to make a Novena?  
Ans. Certainly. Anyone who believes in God may pray to Him on nine consecutive days for some definite intention; such a prayer constitutes a novena. Some Protestants here visit the Grotto daily, some say the rosary every day, some never miss Mass, on Sundays or weekdays, some visit the chapel every evening before retiring. They may choose any form of prayer which suits their desires. They are excluded from the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist, of course, as membership in the Catholic Church is essential to worthy reception of these Sacraments; however, some non-Catholic students at times make use of the opportunity for confession - without absolution - if they have some problem of conscience on which they seek advice.

111. May a Catholic divorce lawyer practice unrestrainedly?  
Ans. No. He must make known that when he presents a suit for divorce in a valid marriage case he is simply asking for civil separation. Probably the known attitude of the Catholic Church will give sufficient publicity to this position in the case of informed people; he must instruct the ignorant, however. If he knows that his client intends to attempt marriage with another partner he must not take the suit. (In general divorce business is poor business, and a reputation as a divorce lawyer is a poor reputation for a lawyer to have. Catholic lawyers may do a great deal to heal domestic discord and save shaky marriages; conscientious ones do.)

112. How should a Catholic approach a non-Catholic on the subject of conversion?  
Ans. All such cases are individual. If you want advice, present yourself and your case personally to a priest.

113. Why not co-education?  
Ans. May men not have one last refuge where manly character can be developed among men without the enervating influence of women? If you want co-education there are a thousand places where you can get it. Choose one of them. Please do. We don't crave the presence of men who must have it.

114. Give us something more on vocations to the religious life.  
Ans. The pamphlet rack has plenty of material as a rule. If you are worried about the matter consult a priest. No one will try to rope you in. If your mind remains in a state of suspense after thought and consultation, the honest thing to do is to try it - give the Holy Ghost a chance. In the religious life you have at least four years before you make any perpetual vows.

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LOST: A black rosary, a keepsake from a boy's deceased mother.

PRAYERS: Norbert Gelson, '26, asks prayers for his wife, who underwent a serious operation yesterday. A sick friend of a student. Four special intentions.