

No Bulletin
tomorrow

University of Notre Dame
Religious Bulletin
February 21, 1933.

Washington's Birthday
Hall chapels - 7:30
Dillon - 5:30-12:00

Two Lay Cardinals Object.

Last week's issue of The Pittsburgh Catholic published two letters, one of abuse and the other of protest, objecting to the Bulletin, "The Lay Cardinals," which appeared in the editorial columns of that paper the previous week. The editor asked for a reply, which was promptly sent. A copy of the reply is given herewith in the belief that it may help to clear the local atmosphere:

"Dear sir: I must beg your pardon for leaving to inference (in the recent essay on Lay Cardinals) the fact that these gentlemen lack the sense of humor, the God-given sixth sense that enables the rest of us to see the difference between the sheep of the flock and the goats.

"In our desire at Notre Dame to train students to unreserved loyalty to their Church (to pastor, to Bishop, to Pope) we have to warn them against disloyalty, the most common form of which is that displayed by the parishioner who gives free advice to his pastor behind his back and does what he can to obstruct cooperation with the pastor.

"To anyone familiar with Notre Dame's system of religious training it is more than obvious that the University recognizes lay leadership of the sort pleaded for by our Holy Father in his letters and addresses on Catholic Action. The thirty-one young men who made the Notre Dame retreat with the Passionist Fathers in Pittsburgh January 20-22 are a few of our alumni all over the country carrying out the lesson taught them at Notre Dame, to arm themselves with prayer and the Sacraments for the war against materialism which the Church is waging today.

"In the parish work I have done from Philadelphia to Los Angeles, while on vacation from the "soft snap" at Notre Dame, I have met with many types of lay cardinals. The most tireless representative of the "profane college" I know is a cardinaless who sits in church every Sunday with pencil and paper to make notes on sermons and ceremonies, notes which are later transcribed into Latin and forwarded to the Holy Father. The last document I have received from her is an elaborate proof from Canon Law that neither the Bishops nor the pastors have any right to insist on Catholic schooling for the children under their jurisdiction. (!)

"I have no desire to enter into controversy with the two lay cardinals whose objections to my little essay appear in this week's issue of The Pittsburgh Catholic. If they insist on being lay cardinals, that's their business, not mine; on the other hand, if they want to be what we want our boys to be, loyal Catholic laymen, they can present their grievances, if they have any, to one of the most patient and amiable Bishops in the United States, His Excellency, the Most Rev. Hugh J. Boyle, Bishop of Pittsburgh. Bishop Boyle is a successor of the Apostles whom Christ appointed to rule His Church with the assistance of the Holy Ghost. -- John F. O'Hara, C.S.C."

Novena For Wisdom.

A priest's mother offers a sound patriotic suggestion, namely, that all Catholics make a Novena to the Holy Ghost for the incoming President, that he may have light to solve the problems which confront him. To end March 4 this Novena should begin Feb. 24.

Aderation Sequences.

Those who want sequences (novenas, weekly adoration, and the like) should fill out their cards at the Dillon pamphlet rack without delay, so that we can know our needs. Deceased: Jas. Uprichard's mother; Rev. Patrick McVeigh, Ph.D., '31, of Montana; a friend. Ill: John Begley's aunt.