
Tomorrow's Great Feast.

The feast of the Immaculate Conception should mean a great deal to Notre Dame men. It is the Catholic Church's tribute to "our tainted nature's solitary boast." It recalls the fact that of all the children born of Adam there was one, and only one, who did not fall under the curse of original sin. Notre Dame is interested because it is our Mother in heaven, the Mother of God, who was thus honored.

Not many Notre Dame men will miss Holy Communion on this feast. The strong appeal is there. No matter how far a boy may stray from the grace of God, no matter what habits of sin weigh him down, no matter how careless he may be at other times, when the feast of Our Lady's purity rolls around at Notre Dame, he will put himself right with God.

That confession, that Communion, may be the start of an entirely new way of life. It may easily come to a boy on this feast that a way of life seriously opposed to what people have a right to expect of a Notre Dame man, is a form of treason - for the boy who sets himself up as a Notre Dame man, a knight of Our Lady, is a pretty cheap customer if he does not at least try to behave himself.

One warning: get to confession early. Don't be crowded out in the morning.

Renew Your Prayers For Fr. O'Donnell.

Our President is expected back from Rochester, Minnesota, next Saturday. He is far from being well, but the physicians have decided that he may continue his treatments here. The clinical examination to which he was subjected established certain facts which enabled the doctors to prescribe new remedies, but the process is long drawn out. Prayer is Father O'Donnell's great hope, and it will cheer him to know that you are not forgetting him. On Saturday morning please offer your Holy Communion for him.

O.P.M.

One sees frequent treatises nowadays on Other People's Money. The phrase, as we recall it, was first used in a discussion of what our European debtors were doing with their cash on hand which we felt might well be used on their debts to us. It has gone the rounds, and it is used now for discussions of every kind of trusteeship.

O.P.M. Most of you are here on it. Your parents have laid it on the line for a very definite purpose - your Catholic education. Figures from the Director of Studies' office on the recent tests would indicate that many of you are wasting O.P.M. Your parents have a definite right to a return on their money; you are guilty of injustice if you are loafing, if you are squandering money on liquor or in other ways that they would not approve, if you are neglecting the Sacraments and running the risk of losing your soul.

Charley McDermott's Last Words.

Last week you saw Charley McDermott's last letter to the Prefect of Religion - beautiful tribute to his father, and, incidentally, to his own idealism. His mother has given us his last words to her. When he kissed her goodbye as he left for the Army-Navy Game, she said, "Be a good boy, Charles." And he replied, "Mother, I'm always good." He had told her only a few days before that he wanted to die suddenly - that he always tried to be ready to die. His Masses, visits, Communion took care of him. He was ready.

PRAYERS: Deceased - Robert O'Connor, ex-'20; the mother of a Holy Cross Sister; a friend. Ill - Don Martin (operation tomorrow); Fr. John J. Cavanaugh's mother; Prof. Langford's mother; a friend. Four special intentions.