

Turkey From Other Chefs.

"Dear Father:

"A consoling thought has always been that Notre Dame men actually live with Christ. The November 6th Religious Bulletin is a revelation.

"Last year a good friend of mine, a fellow lay-retreatant from Chicago, was asked to head a reception committee to receive a distinguished government official from Washington. He replied that he had made arrangements to attend a laymen's retreat at Notre Dame and that he could not afford to miss it, because the saving of his soul came even before his government.

"Did his friends and neighbors scorn him for it? Day before yesterday, on the contrary, they elected him to Congress.

"The November 6th Bulletin informs me that the student body forgot the Poor Souls. I just wish I hadn't received that particular Bulletin. It's hard to take. It hurts.

"Won't you please ask the boys if, out of respect to our Blessed Lady, they won't wait until they at least graduate, before they attempt to paint the Golden Dome dull grey?

"A Lay Retreatant."

"Dear Editor:

"The Bulletin surely does bring a lot of cheery news and much encouragement. But--and this is most distressing--it seems this year to bring more of the opposites.

"I refer particularly to the statement in a recent issue: 'Was the church filled on All Souls' Day? The church emphatically was not. Hardly 100 of the 2600 students enrolled in the University made any visit to the church for the Poor Souls.'

"That is sorrowful reading. On one who has not attended glorious Notre Dame, it must make a frightful impression. But I can hardly describe, as a graduate, what it does to one who knows Notre Dame and all it means or should mean. I don't wonder that you write, 'Has the Notre Dame man of today gone soft?' It surely looks like it.

"The frankness and love of truth of Notre Dame is depicted by the Bulletin. But that freedom of fact-giving, et cetera, should be a medium for great things. When are Notre Dame students again going to allow the Bulletin to praise, instead of implicitly condemn, them?

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It should be said to the credit of the present student body, however, that, for September and October of this year the daily average of Holy Communions received was 1336, as against 1243 for the same months last year. This represents an increase (until November 1) this year of 93 a day.

It indicates that the present generation is fully disposed to uphold the traditions of the past.

And it may be that total records for November will show that the students made up later for what seemed on All Souls' Day, and early in the month, an unforgivable slight to the Poor Souls.

According to figures for the first half of November, the 10 days remaining must be next to phenomenal if present students are to save their faces with the Poor Souls. But we shall see.

PRAYERS: Deceased, father of Ed. Quinn (Off Campus); brother of Gene Hynes '23; James O'Leary (Chicago). Ill, cousin of Bob Geary (Dillon), injured in an accident; grandfather of Walter O'Brion (Walsh). Four special intentions.