

Ed Kirby needs your
special prayers. So
does Joe Sullivan.

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Paganism in South Bend.

"The paganized life of today afflicts all open and attentive eyes, a life so specifically, so paganly dedicated to pleasure and to the search for pleasure.

"It is a life so specifically wanton. Its wantonness surpasses on many occasions that of the ancient pagan life. It is called--with a horrible word and with horrible blasphemy--the cult of nudity."

Thus the Holy Father was reported speaking yesterday as Lent was about to begin all over the Christian world.

Here in South Bend today the Holy Father's words ring with special meaning to you Notre Dame men.

The Palace Theatre in South Bend evidently finds it profitable of late to appeal to the baser instincts of its patrons.

Profit is always the reason for appealing to the baser instincts.

The management of that theatre has, with few exceptions, for years catered to generations of Notre Dame men.

Whenever anything objectionable appeared on the stage of that theatre, it was called to the attention of the management.

Reasonable changes were always made in the name of public decency and of public morality.

That was simply the manifestation of respect for Notre Dame patronage.

It is regrettable that today this respect on the part of the Palace management seems to be lacking.

Perhaps the Palace management has decided to ignore Notre Dame patronage. Perhaps it has decided that, in spite of everything, Notre Dame men will fall for the baser appeal.

And this is the test laid upon you Notre Dame men of today, as it has been laid upon generations of Notre Dame men in the past.

You have heard much about Catholic Action, about the Legion of Decency. You know the fight Catholics are still waging over the country for decency in the movies.

Well, here is your chance for Catholic Action at your front door.

Let the Palace management know now, once and for all, that Notre Dame men insist upon clean shows as well as clever shows.

Let that management know that Catholic standards of morality cannot be scoffed at or ignored,--at least, not in South Bend.

To a man, keep out of the Palace Theatre until the Palace management changes its mind.

Moral-minded people in South Bend will soon admire and rally to your leadership. And the Palace theatre won't find it profitable any longer to spread, with your money, paganism in South Bend.

PRAYERS; Deceased, mother of Brother Marcian, Taunton, Mass. Five special intentions