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(Today), Fri., Sat., are
days of fast & abstinence.
Follow your diocesan laws.

The Break-Up.

Within a few hours the great family will be broken up. Your lives have, for nine months, been closely knit together. As you prayed and studied and played together, friendships grew very deep. You never realized until now just how deep. Each man's sorrows and disappointments have been borne upon many shoulders. Yours has been mass loyalty and mass strength.

How often during the schoolyear you have paradoxically yearned to be "independent," for once in your life to earn your own money! Well, summer presents the opportunity. Rest, you know, means change, not idleness. Get yourself a job. More than 100,000 college graduates and many more hundreds of thousands of undergraduates will be looking for work this June. Employers won't woo you. Better adopt the formula given recently by a business leader:

If you really want a job, get a list of prospective employers from some influential friend. Work earnestly eight hours a day interviewing these employers. After you see all on your first list, get if necessary a second list and start out on it. Don't loaf on the job of getting a job. Keep at it day after day. Even when night comes, plan your approaches for the next day. Don't stop till somebody hires you. And when you get a job be on time in the morning. Be serious about your work. Use your noodle to create new ideas, new improvements. If you make good this summer, next summer your employer will be waiting for you.

Summer throws you pretty much on your own religiously and morally. Initiative you must show, and self-sacrifice. Here at Notre Dame you have learned nothing more important than this: that your normal state should always be the state of grace. That means, if you fall into sin, don't wallow in it. Make a good act of contrition and get to confession just as soon as you can.

The first Sunday that you are home--if you don't make it the first you probably won't make it the second--go to Holy Communion at your Sunday Mass. And keep up that weekly practice throughout the summer. Be on time for Mass, and follow the Mass with a missal. Many, like the "Baby Brothers" of Notre Dame School in Chicago, will have their eyes on you.

No matter how late you go to bed at night or how late you rise in the morning, get down on those prayer bones and say your morning and evening prayers as if you meant them, including always a sincere act of contrition and three Hail Marys in honor of Our Lady.

And now, listen! She who holds the great family of Notre Dame together will watch over you if you're loyal to her. You know what that "loyal" means--clean, manly, prayerful living, close as possible to the Blessed Sacrament.

You've been a great bunch here on the campus together. Your charities we listed for you the day before yesterday. During Lent and May, your spirit of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament was marvellous. Not a gap had to be published during either of those long periods. Your daily average of 1434 Holy Communions is one of the very best records in the history of the school. Let's see now how well you can go it alone!

Scores of priests will be remembering you every day in their Masses. You in turn pray for them--and for one another. May Our Lady keep and prosper you seniors, and the rest of you may she bring back clean and strong this coming fall! Goodbye.

PRAYERS: (deceased) Mr. Chester Holschaw, '03; mother of John Koenigshoff (Dillon).

Year for Parents

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How will you repay your father and mother for all they have done for you?

Give eight hours a day to your classes and studies. Take care of your health by regular recreation and exercise. Take care, above all, of your soul by living always in the state of grace.

Notre Dame is the City of the Blessed Sacrament. Our Lord Himself lives in 22 tabernacles night and day on the campus. Work with the Eucharistic Christ towards the realization of all your plans.

FACILITIES:

For Confession: every evening, immediately after supper, from 6:15 to 7, in the Dillon and Basement chapels, and in all hall chapels at night prayer. Every morning, from 6:30 to 7 in the Basement, Sorin, Dillon, Morrissey, and Cavanaugh Chapels.

For Mass and Holy Communion: all hall chapels before breakfast; Dillon Hall Chapel at 7:20.

HOLY COMMUNION (AND CONFESSION) OUTSIDE OF MASS IN DILLON HALL CHAPEL EVERY MORNING UNTIL NOON.

Eucharistic Calendar

(Mark your Calendar. Cross out the days you lose; check the days you give to God.)

SEPTEMBER S M T W T F S 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 Become a daily communicant with the start of the scholastic year.	OCTOBER S M T W T F S 1 2* 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 Foster lifelong devotion to Mary during this month of the Holy Rosary.	NOVEMBER S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6* 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 Hear the Poor Souls: "At least you my friend, have pity on me!"
DECEMBER S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4* 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 The Christmas gift for parents is a bouquet of Masses and Communions.	JANUARY S M T W T F S 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 Pray especially in January for the conversion of non-Catholics.	FEBRUARY S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5* 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 The 10th is Ash Wednesday. "Do penance, or you shall all perish."
MARCH S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5* 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 31 The Lenten period of prayer and penance lasts until Easter.	APRIL S M T W T F S 1 2* 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 Mother's Day is May 9. Start your Novena on April 30.	MAY - JUNE S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7* 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 1 2 3 4* 5 6 The month of May belongs to the purest of mothers.
Most Notre Dame deaths are SUD- DEN. Be ALWAYS ready.	Holy Communions last year were 328,489; a daily average of 1,422.	Every day spent in mortal sin is lost for all eternity.

First Friday.

CONDITIONS FOR THE WORTHY RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION ARE TWO: FREE-
DOM FROM MORTAL SIN, AND A GOOD INTENTION.

An Instruction on the Sixth Commandment

God could have created all people at once, or He could have created bodies successively as He does souls, but God created man "in His own image and likeness," and as a part of that likeness He gave man a share in His creative power, which is the power we find the most awe-inspiring when we contemplate God in His works. It is the great desire of God that heaven be peopled with saints who will be happy with Him eternally; yet He makes the creation of a soul dependent upon the will of a man and a woman.

Herein we see the tremendous responsibility of marriage. It is a partnership, not merely between man and woman, but between a man and a woman and God. God is not mocked. A terrible judgment awaits the man or the woman who tries to cheat God out of His share in this partnership. No majority vote, no council of "churches," no civil law can make right what God has called "a detestable sin."

Grave cares and responsibilities attend the use of this creative power. Whoever assumes responsibility for the life of a child must give that child a two-fold education, material and spiritual: it must be put in a position to make a living and gain heaven. Sacrifice by the parents for the child begins with the life of the child and ends only with death. Selfish men and women who foresee these pains and cares and disappointments are tempted strongly to forego parenthood; God knows these temptations and supplies motives to offset them—the instinct of fatherhood and motherhood, the love of children, the desire to have the companionship and solicitous care of one's own in life's declining years, and so forth. One of the strongest incentives to the act by which God's plan of creation is carried on is the pleasure, both mental and physical, contained in the act itself.

This pleasure is not evil in itself; it is a good when it is used as a means to the end God intended it to serve, in lawful marriage (the stability of which insures to the child the care of both father and mother in its education). But it is an abominable evil, hateful alike to God and man, to seek this pleasure for itself without regard to the end for which God intended it. If the procuring or voluntary acceptance of this pleasure outside of its lawful end were not a mortal sin, many would avoid the burdens of married life, and God's plan of creation would be frustrated. It is evident, therefore, that any thought, word, desire, reading, conversation or act that produces such pleasure is forbidden under pain of mortal sin when it is admitted voluntarily and without necessity; and if such pleasure arises accidentally from some necessary pursuit (for example, in certain studies in Medicine) the will must be set steadfastly against the pleasure.

Purity is a virtue so noble, so elevating, so manly, so strong, so brave, that even libertines stand in awe of it. Rakes and profligates may rail at it and sneer, calling it an impossibility, denying its existence; but bring them into the presence of purity and their foul tongues are silenced. "Which of you shall convince Me of sin?" silenced the traducers of Our Blessed Saviour. It is only under the influence of strong drink, which maddens reason, that a profligate loses his awe in the presence of purity. The pure man can not be a coward; he has fought too many fights—and without the inspiration of applause from on-lookers; he can not be base; his love of God has elevated him above baseness; he can not be a traitor: fidelity is burned into his soul. Purity is an indispensable virtue for men.

"I knew that without God I could not be continent," said the Wise Man in the Old Testament. The grace of God is necessary for this fight, which is a fight, never-ending, but glorious. Atop the golden dome you will see the inspiration the University of Our Lady offers her sons for this fight: Mary, Virgin most pure, Mother of grace, Immaculate from the first moment of her being, who preferred to the dignity of being the Mother of God, fidelity to her promise of virginity. In the tabernacles of Notre Dame, "the City of the Blessed Sacrament," you will find the Food that makes Notre Dame men strong for the battle. Notre Dame loves the Blessed Sacrament. Mary—Our Life, our Sweetness and our Hope—leads you to Jesus.