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Appearing Tonight.

For the first time in three years the student body will see tonight a religious questionnaire.

Back in 1921 such a questionnaire first appeared on the campus. Then it came out to calm uninformed critics who asserted that (in their day) frequent Holy Communion among students fostered a dangerous spirit of irreverence to the Blessed Sacrament.

Students' intimate experiences with frequent Communion, as revealed in the first and subsequent questionnaires, dispelled fears, became the basis of many thousands of edifying pamphlets on frequent Communion. (Copies of these pamphlets are still available at all the Racks.)

Year by year the questionnaire has touched upon more and more subjects until it now covers just about all the salient points in the spiritual life of the student.

Questions involving conscience are, however, always avoided (although matters of conscience are often discussed voluntarily in the replies). Many of the questions, you will recognize, have been suggested by students themselves.

To offset self-consciousness and to secure spontaneity, replies in the questionnaire are kept strictly anonymous.

Blanks will be distributed to your hall tonight (or early tomorrow morning). Get one. Look it over first, then fill it out frankly. As soon as you have done so, drop the questionnaire (or leave it at one of the offices of the Prefect of Religion) into the locked ballot box provided in your hall.

Do not write your name anywhere on the questionnaire. Print or typewrite if you care to.

As you doubtless know, results of the questionnaires will be carefully tabulated and presented in a Survey to appear during the next school year. Fifteen thousand copies of this Survey will be printed for you and for many others thoroughly interested throughout the country.

Watch especially these questions: 5, 13, 20, 28, 35, 52.

All replies should be in by the end of the week. If at any time the supply of blanks in your hall should be exhausted, come for a copy to one of the offices of the Prefect of Religion.

Sit down at the first opportunity and fill out the questionnaire. See if it will not prove to be your most valuable experience in self-inventory.

The Boiler Kid Appreciates.

You read Fred Snite's newsy letter in the Scholastic. This little paragraph is highly significant:

"A short while ago, Monsignor Barry, our Pastor, read Mass in my room. It was the first time I had had that privilege since returning to America."

Be smart. Profit by the facilities offered daily here on the campus.

PRAYERS: (deceased) Rt. Rev. Msgr. M.M. Gerend, uncle of Walter Gerend (How); 2nd anniv. of Richard Malley; P. A. Boyle; friend of Bill Tunney '38; friend of Hiram Bloi (Cav.). Ill, friend of Cyril Garvey (Cav.); sister of F. Gaglione. Five special ints.