

Benediction this evening
immediately after Grotto
singing

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WANTED: Questionnaires
and more Questionnaires!

Courtesy.

Like a snail, a long line of penitents nervously stretches and wiggles its way toward the confessional. And nobody likes to be the tip of the tail.

On a recent Sunday one of the students, as anxious as anyone else to have his confession, noticed a man and his wife approach the busy Tribunal of Mercy. Courteously he stepped out of line to offer his place. And his thoughtfulness so pleased the visiting couple, they spoke of it later to one of the priests.

Just to hear of the kindly act refreshed the priest fully as much as a slick plunge into cool St. Joe Lake. He always likes to be told that the students are gentlemen.

But what of "those boors and ignoramuses who walked out of last night's performance, particularly when the violin soloist had completed only one of her numbers? If they haven't the intelligence to enjoy music, they should at least have the brains to sit through till the end or not come at all."

These words were written by a student and left on the same priest's desk. They express, if strongly, the decent opinion and feeling of most Notre Dame men. Will everyone, after this, try to smooth off the rough spots?

Courtesy is a natural virtue worth every man's while. Like finishing first in a race, it spells accomplishment, is its own reward. It expresses maturity, sacrifice, self-control. It is never treason against fine training at home.

And incidentally, during these "shortcut" days on the campus, be kind to the tender, green blades edging the cinderpaths. Or, as the humorous sign downtown on the Courthouse lawn puts it: "Please keep your dogs off the grass."

Humility.

Years ago another penitent, awaiting his turn to kneel at the slide, offered his place to distinguished Chief Justice Taney. The Justice, though grateful, promptly and firmly refused it. "All day I am judge in the courtroom, but now I'm like you--just another prisoner at the bar of God's Mercy."

This anecdote in no way conflicts with the incident in Sacred Heart Church. The student exemplified courtesy; Chief Justice Taney, humility.

All great men-- like Taney-- see themselves as they are, and bow down their will to the will of God.

Why don't the handful of Notre Dame students who have not yet made their Easter Duty fall into line-- the line that leads to the "box"? (Confessions every night till 10:00 o'clock in the Dillon, Howard and Cavanaugh Chapels). They can make a new start. They can be great like Chief Justice Taney. "He that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

Humility Made Mary Great.

"My soul doth magnify the Lord," she said, "and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For He hath regarded the humility of His handmaid. Henceforth all generations shall call me blessed."

At the Grotto, students who need the grace of a good confession may address their prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel, of Peace and of Victory. Never was it known that anyone who fled to her protection was left unaided.