

Did Christ leave
His Body and Blood

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to give you thrills
or to cure your ills?

An Alumnus Makes Good.

A St. Mary's girl at one of the Regional Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Conventions said enthusiastically: "Why don't more Catholic college students get into Catholic Action of some sort? It not only helps Christ and ourselves, but it's fun!" Now comes a letter from a Notre Dame Alumnus, Tom _____, '39, proving she's right. Too bad more graduates of Catholic colleges, including N. D., don't wake up. Here's the letter in part, plus a paragraph of encouragement for job-seeking seniors:

"One of the last things that you told us before graduation was to visit our parish priest, and offer to help him in any way possible. I followed your advice, Father, and I can't tell you in words how glad I am that I did.

"One of the assistants at our church, whom I knew only slightly, put me right to work with several other college fellows about my age. Ushers were needed for the Sunday Masses, and we were each assigned to a Mass each Sunday. He probably heard about the traditional hour of rising at Notre Dame, for I was assigned to the 8:00 o'clock Mass.

"Another activity just starting around our parish was a "High School of Religion", Sponsored by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, the purpose of the school was to impart religious education to the young fellows and girls of high school age who had not, or were not at present, attending Catholic schools. Classes were taught one night a week for one hour, and were led by young fellows and girls about my own age, fresh out of college, who were presumed to know their religion. I don't mind admitting that I was forced to do some serious reading in order to answer some of the questions fired at me by the youngsters in the class I taught.

"Classes were reasonably informal, resembling as close as possible, study groups, rather than mere lecture classes. In order to interest the more 'practical' students, football and basketball teams were organized, and after class each evening some sort of entertainment, i.e. dancing or group singing, was arranged. As a result of going over to these classes, I met a group of people about my own age with whom I now have at least a nodding acquaintance, as well as now having a more concrete idea of some of the elements of religion.

"I have been working since shortly after graduation with a public accounting firm here in New York -- a job which I received, incidentally, as a result of an interview arranged by Notre Dame; another reason why I should be, and truly am, grateful to Notre Dame. One of the 1938 graduates, Charley _____, preceded me at (a prominent New York firm), and is now working with our office in Baltimore. Charley, I have heard, received the highest mark in the C.P.A. exam held last year in the state of _____. Two young fellows from the 1940 class, Phil _____ and Bob _____, are coming with us this year."

Good News -- and Bad!

Thanks, Tom, from Notre Dame for "Keeping the Faith". Not only Christ, but you -- your personality, your poise, your character -- profited, too. It's the old story. You never can out-do Christ in generosity in any thing. In the very giving and sowing of your efforts for Him, you reap a hundred-fold -- and that benefit isn't just spiritual, either.

Your letter received over the week-end caused happiness to several priests around here. But another letter, from a graduate, also, and a non-Catholic, had no such pleasant effect. It will be published Tuesday or Wednesday.

PRAYERS: Ill, Father of Father Gorman (St.Ed.); Maurice Kelly (Dil.), ill at home.