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Religious Bulletin
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The Bulletin has a Birthday.

Dear Bishop O'Hara:

You probably little thought, 19 years ago today, that your first Religious Bulletin, picked out on your old typewriter, would grow into the sturdy publication of today.

Your youngster is still growing. Besides being distributed to each student, it is sent out to a mailing list of 10,320. This year it is also being translated into Spanish and Chinese at certain universities in Mexico, South America and China.

As this is the Bulletin's birthday, it is celebrating by conveying an offer of help to you from the very active and ambitious Notre Dame Student Committee for Decent Literature. The students have set up a Pamphlet Bureau here on the campus, offering to send pamphlets to any alumni or friends of the University. It works this way: The alumnus or friend sends in, with a contribution, a request for a pamphlet dealing with some religious question. The students select and send that pamphlet which seems most suitable. They have pamphlets from all pamphlet publishers, Paulist Press, Queen's Work, Ave Maria, St. Anthony's Guild, I.C.T.S.

This Committee thinks that the Bulletin, being almost 20 years old, ought to go to work and help out its over-worked founder and father, now Bishop. So the Committee proposes to: (1) Make up a N.D. Pamphlet consisting of some of your old Bulletins of past years, still very appropriate to present conditions and problems of youth; (2) Sell this pamphlet to the public; (3) Use any profit therefrom to send suitable pamphlets from the Pamphlet Bureau to any army camp or navy station that you designate.

The N.D. pamphlet will be ready in about 10 days, and is to be sold at about 10 cents apiece (less in large quantities). The boys think they will have a fine pamphlet, because they're selecting some of your old Bulletins which they know will be most appealing to modern youth. If the pamphlet doesn't realize much profit, then maybe the students here will help out. Then again, there is a little profit made from the pamphlet, "No Smut". The boys think it very appropriate to use some of this money (made by fighting the devil and indecent literature) to promote decent literature. Of course, the devil won't like that, but you will.

This Committee probably can't supply all the army camps with pamphlets. Maybe other Catholic colleges will supply those camps in their vicinity.

The Committee has already arranged, in conjunction with the local K of C, to supply the Marine station at Norfolk, Virginia, with some pamphlets and Catholic books. The request for books and pamphlets came from a Notre Dame graduate now in service in that camp.

If things keep getting worse, you'll be seeing more of Our Lady's boys under your jurisdiction. Two boys were called not so long ago, one of them a non-Catholic. They said that one redeeming feature of it all was they were not going to be entirely separated from Notre Dame. They would have you as the connecting link. Our Lady knows that you and your chaplains will take care of them.

The Student Committee hopes that this pamphlet plan will help you, and awaits your wishes and advice.

PRAYERS: (deceased) friend of Joe Olbrys (Al.); friend of Joe Stephen (Sor.); grandfather of Ed Alexander; uncle of Tony Zogame (How.); father of George Martinet '34; Miss Ellen Healy; Mrs. Charles Connolly. Ill, uncle of V. Greene (Cav.); cousin of B. Herrington (Bro.); father of Father Conway; friend of Frank Herbert (Mor.); five injured friends of J. Reardon (Car.); Paul R. Irving '30. Four special intentions.