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On Going Home In the State of Grace.

Going home in the state of grace has certain natural as well as supernatural advantages. Reflection on a few of them may aid some to make up their mind to go to confession before they leave. Here are some advantages:

1. You can look your mother in the eye;
2. You won't have to lie to your father;
3. You won't have to dodge your pastor;
4. You won't get a sneaky feeling when your little brother looks up to you;
5. Your advice to your sister will ring true.

If anyone has a long or embarrassing story, there are confessors at Dillon, Howard and Cavanaugh until 9:45 P.M. Each night there is waiting a priest and the mercy of that God who said: "If your sins be as scarlet, they shall be made as white as snow; and if they be red as crimson, they shall be white as wool." (Isaiah 1:18)

Adoration Tomorrow.

Adoration for the Novena for Parents closes tomorrow at 5:00 P.M. The fidelity and number of the adorers at all the periods so far showed you had your hearts in this Novena. Remain faithful on the last day too.

During the Novena, which started out 1600 strong, there was a wavering and drop at the end of the week. Some of you missed Mass and Communion, evidently. You have three days to make any up. You don't want to have a hole in any gift to your parents.

Ember Days.

This Wednesday, Friday and Saturday are the Ember Days for the Winter season--days of fast and abstinence. The dispensation from the fast and abstinence which you enjoy at Notre Dame does not apply when you are away. Then, you must follow the regulations of your own diocese. However, the dispensation and privilege can be used throughout any day which is started here at Notre Dame; for example, by those leaving the campus Wednesday.

Life Requires Courage.

"The two moments of Christ's life which stand out most strongly on History's pages are the first and the last: Bethlehem and Calvary. In the one, He faced life's beginning; in the other, He faced life's end...Perhaps there was something symbolic in His helplessness in both instances: in the one, the utter dependence of infancy; in the other, the final, agonizing fixedness of a man whose hands and feet are nailed to a cross. In neither case did He run away from life.

"It is most important to remember that He could have run...Humanly speaking, it was impossible for Him to escape that beginning and that end. Newborn infants are as incapable of flight as crucified men. But divinely speaking, the barrenness of the Cave and starkness of the Cross could have been escaped. Because He was God, He could have run away; but because He was man, life's beginning and life's end had to be faced...Human life cannot be lived without courage; when that life has been divinized by fellowship with Christ, it is an impossible life for a coward. The cowardice that would attempt to escape the hard things of Christ inevitably cringes before the hard things of human life." ("Catholic Woman's World", Nov. 1940).

NOTE: Mass, Dillon, Wed. 7:20 for mother of Bill Meier, request of Economic Round Table.

PRAYERS. Dec: Grandfather of Bill (Dil) & Jim (Z) Platt. Ill: Friend of T. Mulligan (Sor); Sheriff Bill Hosinski; Vic De Simon (Cav), operation, needs prayers.