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Six Weeks.

The confessional buzzer is busy in Dillon these days. That, plus the statements of some returning seniors, shows that they realize there is serious business ahead, and that they are going to make the best of the remaining six weeks.

The mature senior will face things with his head up, chin out, unafraid. He knows God can bring good out of any chaos -- and God is the only one who can. The present world situation, a result of man's own sins and dereliction, now seems to be beyond mere man's solution and repair.

Some seniors, and juniors, too, uncertain of themselves -- uncertain of how to face the future and the army -- will waver and fold up. They will try to secure some forgetfulness and solace out of pleasure and the world exclusively, and the world, as usual, will disappoint them.

Almost all seniors answering the questionnaire question regarding a solution for peace, stressed back to God by the world. That is true internationally. It is more true and necessary for individual and personal peace of the soul.

Chaplains' Advice To You.

Here's one bit of advice from a seasoned regular army chaplain. Answering his questionnaire asking for advice for you, he said: "Tell your boys that it will be an entirely new life for them, and the main factor for success is to cooperate and remember that no matter what their disappointments are they have a year to serve, and they should serve it in the best possible manner. The record they have upon the termination of their year will be a help or hindrance to them in later life. There is a majority of unschooled men in the regular army and navy, and the student should keep in mind that although he may be more intelligent, he should always act brotherly to his fellow men and obey his superiors, smart or otherwise."

Another, a chaplain in the Air Corps, gives this: "Join with the determination of doing a good job -- don't be swayed by the other fellow unless he is better than you are. Sex and alcohol will 'get you' unless you keep your guard up. 24-hour sex mentality assures inefficiency."

A Chance For Leadership.

During Easter vacation, four students attended the National Convention in Washington, D. C. of the National Federation of Catholic College Students. They explained the program of the Notre Dame Student Commission for Decent Literature and the Catholic Action movement here. Then they exchanged ideas with representatives of 16 other Catholic universities on the problems of Catholic youth, including the development of Catholic youth leadership. You will hear more of this later.

Meanwhile, those of you who are interested in developing Catholic leadership qualities should be planning to attend the regional convention of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine to be held next week end, April 25-27, at St. Mary's. Those who are seriously interested in attending discussion club meetings and helping out on various committees should give their names this week-end to one of the Prefects of Religion. Attendance this year, no doubt, will be somewhat selective and limited to prevent a repetition of last year's over-crowding, especially Saturday night.

News On Johnny Francies.

A telephone call to Cleveland Wednesday night gave encouraging reports, but he is not yet out of danger -- so keep praying.