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Seniors.

May Adoration has always been a favorite devotion among seniors. It is their last chance on Our Lady's campus to bring important problems and worries to the feet of the Master. Clear thinking, prayerful thinking, will help in facing the serious problems ahead. Canvassers will be soliciting this week-end.

At the Confraternity Convention, St. Mary's.

Many of you stated on your questionnaires that you are anxious to participate in some form of Catholic action or activity. You will hear about 15 possible activities described by students of various colleges at the meetings on Saturday at 11:00 A.M., 4:00 P.M. and 7:30 P.M., and on Sunday at 2:00 P.M. The discussion groups, on the other hand, meet on Saturday at 2:00 P.M. and on Sunday at 10:00 A.M.

Notre Dame students are invited to attend these talks or the discussion groups. However, to secure proper distribution and to avoid over-crowding at any one session, those attending are asked to leave their names with one of the Prefects of Religion.

Questions from the Questionnaires.

Ques. What does a priest know about marriage? Give us more articles by laymen.

Ans. Some students, like cannibals, always take their clergy with a grain of salt. But it is well to remember that the priest can draw on the accumulated wisdom of the Catholic Church, which has a pretty good record as guide and protector of marriage for over 1900 years. Your parents and any priest can usually give you sounder advice than any of the modern "experts".

Not long ago the Chicago Sunday Tribune, in its feature section, ran a series of articles on marriage. The author claimed to be giving expert advice. He used as his source material records of Chicago divorces and conferences with leading Chicago divorce lawyers. Freudian in interpretation, he dwelt almost exclusively on the physical aspects of marriage and the importance of sex adjustment.

The Bulletin editor, himself once a lawyer in New York City, has no little knowledge regarding the leading divorce lawyers in New York City. Perhaps the divorce lawyers in Chicago are different, but he wouldn't recommend any divorce lawyer as an unbiased expert. He, himself, learned far more in the seminary about the causes of happy and unhappy marriages than any one ever could learn in years of marriage litigation.

He remembers particularly one priest in the seminary, while discussing marriage, stressed unselfishness and thoughtfulness in little things. Looking back then over several of his law cases, the editor realized that selfishness was the fundamental cause of several separations in his experience. This last year the editor learned of three marriages that are headed for the rocks. Practice of unselfishness would have saved two of these three.

Unselfishness in or out of marriage isn't easily attained. However, the young man who, before marriage, develops purity in conduct, alone and on dates, is at the same time conquering selfishness.

Denial of temptations means a constant giving up of one's lower, selfish inclinations. That denial does not shrivel character and personality. Rather it gives life and energy. It develops that unselfish character, that high nobility and idealism that belongs to the pure of heart.

Those who eat in the Caf can help Adoration by selecting the following hours daily: 11:30-12:00, 12:00-12:30. On Wednesdays and First Friday also 5:30-6:00 & 6:30-7:00.