
Closing the Year.

The period from Ascension to Pentecost is a time of special graces. Leaving next week, you can't complete the Church's official Novena to the Holy Ghost, but you would do well to make a tridium of Masses and Communions (1) in reparation for all sins of the past year, (2) in gratitude for all the blessings God has bestowed on you this year, (3) in petition for the gifts of the Holy Ghost, particularly for fortitude -- courage -- to be a worthy son of Our Lady during the summer vacation.

Bolstering for Vacation.

Many a boy goes through a perfectly good year at Notre Dame with the vague fear in the back of his head that he is going to go to pieces when he gets back home for vacation and meets the gang that proved an occasion of sin in his high school days. Anyone who goes home with such a fear is already half licked. There is no need for a collapse if the school has built character. Abstinence from sin dulls the nervous inclination to it, the cultivation of the will during the year makes it stronger against attacks in the future, and the grace of God is always at hand for the willing.

Daily Communion may not be possible during the summer, but if one does the best he can, he should know that God will give him in his less frequent Communions all the grace he needs. And he can always say the beads -- and can carry them with him to finger in case of need.

Easter Duty.

Those who have not yet made their Easter Duty might well review the seven reasons why they have not done so. No matter what the hold-out's motive may be, it can be classified under at least one of these seven capital sins:

1. Pride -- the stupid sin.
2. Avarice -- the miserable sin.
3. Lust -- the pitiful sin.
4. Anger -- the outrageous sin.
5. Envy -- the despicable sin.
6. Gluttony -- the sordid sin.
7. Sloth -- the contemptible sin.

Trinity Sunday, the last date for Easter Duty, is two weeks from tomorrow. Pray to the Holy Ghost for any hold-outs.

Notre Dame hopes and prays that they will return to God before they leave her fold, and for those of them who hold back because they fear they cannot overcome old habits of sin, she offers the testimony of hundreds of her students who tell what marvels grace has wrought in making them over as men. She risks her reputation in keeping them on, because Mary has enfolded them in her mantle and the Precious Blood of the Lamb of God has been shed for them and flows daily for them on her altars. Notre Dame wants them to come back before it is too late, and waits at the confessional for them, and holds the tabernacle door ajar for them.

PRAYERS. Dec: Cousin of Howard Schellenberg (Wal); Father of Arthur Czapiewski (D); Uncle of Brother Casper, C.S.C. (Bro); Tom Zimmerman, '32. Ill: Operations: Larry Ryan (Al); Edwin Bolfe (O-C). 4 Special Intentions.