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The Dining Hall: The Big Church: The Big Gym.

God and your souls come first at Notre Dame so on Friday evening the Mission will come first, immediately after supper. Go directly from the dining hall to the Church, then to the "pep" meeting immediately after. You'll sing the Victory March better, if you first sing praises - to God and Mary.

You gentlemen will understand, especially you who know that your souls are the most priceless things in the world. The football players have to spend long tedious hours in spring and fall practice working on fundamentals for eight or nine fall games. Then certainly your souls deserve some special attention on fundamentals for the stiff schedule throughout the year against three high ranking opponents - the world, the flesh, and the devil. Those latter practice to be in condition to play 365 days - and nights - of the year.

You'll be first in line in the "pep" meeting right behind the band - be first in line from the dining hall to the front seats for the Mission.

Reverse Your Field.

Youth has a tendency to be discouraged at difficulties. Some of you, freshmen especially, may be upset over subjects, already think they are too hard, maybe you've fallen behind in assignments.

Some get discouraged at the prospect of avoiding sin too. Before or after a good confession they may worry: "Avoid sin the rest of my life?" - and that is the resolution and determination meant in each confession if you mean business, if you love God and don't intend making a mockery of the Blood of Christ.

Some get discouraged over classes or sin or both, and say: "Too much. It's too hard over a long time."

Here's a thought. You don't have to master all that subject now: you don't have to avoid every sin now. All you have to do is master this much of this subject now.

All you have to do is avoid this one sin now. Just take care of this assignment, now.

Easy? Of course, if you jump to it now and joyously too, just this once. Let tomorrow's work, tomorrow's temptation take care of themselves.

Turn yourself around: dig in now. And now reversed, becomes won.

"How to Find Friends and Influence God."

We just heard about two 1941 graduates. Let's call them Bill and Joe. Fine boys they were, Bill ranking scholastically among the first five in his class.

Into the army they went from widely separate sections of the country. They were assigned to the same camp in the south, but neither knew the other was in the big cantonment. After several days wandering friendless around the camp, neither had found any old friends or each other.

But on Sunday they bumped into each other - as they turned from the Communion Rail in the camp chapel.

One of the bits from Bishop O'Hara's "Advice to Catholic Recruits" is: "3. Find your friends at the Communion Rail."

PRAYERS: (deceased) grandmother of Dan (St. Ed's) and Jack (Z) Murphy; 4 spec. ints.