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Let's Be Realists.

To several suggestions in the Bulletin about getting down to study, there has been a reply something like this from some upper-classmen:

"Listen, Padre, why tell us to study with so many distractions and worries? It's useless to try. Besides, let's be realists about this. Why study if we are going to be shot up?"

Part of the answer was in last Wednesday's Bulletin, quoting Father Miltner, widely and favorably commented on.

The Padre's additional reply, unanswered so far, has been:

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"If you really thought you were going to be shot up, you would be a realist and get into the chapel daily to Mass and Communion".

Admittedly, the problems facing you - facing all of us in this war - are more serious than the last war, yet the return to Mass and the Sacraments after vacation has been the slowest in many years.

It is noticeable, incidentally, that those who are the most jittery, the most discouraged are the ones seen most infrequently at the altar rail. That is natural, of course, because they are not seeking that spirit of confidence and peace which comes from the daily reception of Him Who said, "Have confidence. I have overcome the world."

Let's be realists.

Warm Up.

The hearts of too many of you are jittery and cold, chilled by Indiana no doubt. You need warming up, a transfer to a new state, probably the state of grace with the love of God in your heart and fervent prayers on your lips for the intentions of this Novena: for those leaving for service shortly, for success in your exams and for your country.

A Devilish War.

If you are tempted to stay away from Communion, analyze your reasons well. The devil can tempt a soul, can give him specious reasons to stay away. If the suggestion is from the devil, overcome it and you'll probably make a good Communion. If your Communion were not going to be fruitful, he wouldn't waste time on you.

No clever person wastes time on useless things, and the devil is a fallen angel, with angelic intelligence. The devil of course sometimes gets human beings to do his dirty work. Why should he waste time if he can get some student to do his dirty work?

He doesn't waste much time on sinners either. Why should he? They're in his corner already.

He's out after big game, those who are still on their feet and trying to stay there.

That's why he is so active at Notre Dame. There's still a score he wants to settle against the Lady on the Dome, for crushing his head.

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