
Let's Take Care of Our Own.

One of the charities to be aided by the N. D. Carnival for War Charities next week is the Student Commission which sends Scholastics to N. D. men and chaplains. The postage bill is about \$18 weekly but it's worth a lot more judging from the boys' expressions of gratitude.

Some of the Student Commission members left for the service at the semester. A few more good workers are needed to help on this and allied projects. You can leave your name at 121 Dillon Hall or any one of the Prefect of Religion offices.

Spend a little time helping others. It aids you in forgetting your own troubles and you yourself will be more deserving of receiving the Scholastic, if and when you're in service.

Sunday Mass.

There'll be visitors Sunday. Don't shock them by coming late to Mass or by staring blankly at the collection plate, the proceeds, except buttons and slugs, being used for the pamphlet rack deficit.

A Missal Helps at Mass.

The priest at Mass says this prayer as he pours a few drops of water into the wine:

"O God, who in creating human nature didst marvelously ennoble it, and hast still more marvelously restored it, grant that by the mystery of this water and wine, we may be made partakers of His Divinity Who vouchsafed to become partakers of our humanity, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen."

It is an imitation of the mixture of the water and wine which at the Last Supper Our Lord changed into His precious Blood. Jesus therefore typified two things in a mysterious and symbolic manner. First, that His Divine and Human Natures are united in a wonderful union, the wine signifying His Divine Nature, the water His Human Nature; secondly, that we too by the mystery of this union are permitted to become partakers of His Divine Nature.

This ceremony, however, has a particular reference to each one of us: In every Mass, the water and wine are mixed anew. In like manner should we, by taking part actively and attentively in the Holy Sacrifice, become united with God each time anew to participate in His Divine Life.

We ask to be "divinized", to be given a share in the Divine Life, in the Nature of God, and that is granted to us in the state of grace.

The water and wine are united in the chalice, and men and God are united in Christ, that is, in the Church, His Mystical Body. Our union with God is far more perfect, far more intimate than that of the water and wine which is only a physical union. The union of man with God is far higher, it is a spiritual union.

That spiritual union present in the state of grace is broken, never by God, only by us when we blast it asunder by mortal sin, when we tell God to get out of our life and souls. That's why a mortal sin is mortal. It's deadly. We lose Divine Life.

We can increase that union, that "divinization" by every Mass and Communion. Attendance costs some few minutes it is true, but look at the eternal, Divine dividends.