

Confessions every night
during Rosary Devotions
at 6:30 P.M. and from ...

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..7:30 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.
in Sorin and B-P Chapels.
Assist at Mass during exams.

A Rumor Spiked.

It is not true that a visit to the Grotto brings about the forgiveness of one's sins. Notre Dame has received many spiritual privileges, but this is one she will never receive, because not even the Pope himself has power to grant such a favor.

God forgives sin only when the sinner has sincere sorrow in his heart. It could happen that on the occasion of the visit to the Grotto, while at the feet of Our Blessed Mother's image, grace warms the heart of the sinner and prompts him to real sorrow and resolution to amend his life.

Whoever preaches the heretical idea about the powers of the Grotto is doing harm. They must cease making incorrect statements.

A good confession must precede the reception of Holy Communion in the case where mortal sin has been committed after one's last confession even though the guilt of mortal sins has been wiped away by perfect contrition. No visit to the Grotto excuses the man who has fallen mortally from telling his sins to a priest before receiving the Eucharist.

A Great Opportunity For Catholics.

Honesty is a quality expected to be found in men called to positions of leadership. Honesty in the examinations will demonstrate to those around you that you love Our Lord and the virtues of Justice and Truthfulness. The Civilian and Service man will have the chance in the final examinations to prove that he has the stuff that makes for dependable leadership. By the example of your righteousness you will draw others to serve Christ. Play fair with God and He will bless your efforts.

Failure in Examinations.

Actions which spring from a soul not in the State of Grace give God no glory and gain no merit for the individual. So a man can pass his exams and yet fail in the eyes of God and the angels and saints. If you can't hear the voice of a good conscience, see your confessor tonight. Mass and Holy Communion will keep you from a relapse.

General Confession.

Students who were about to graduate into a new state of life, like the army, navy or marriage, have always found a General Confession of their past a source of relief and courage. Prepare for the confession by spending a little thought, over a period of two or three days, on your past sins and weaknesses. Prayerful thought will uncover an item or two that you wish to mention in confession. Don't worry about all your sins, nor the question of number. When you have formed a good view of your past, make frequent acts of sorrow and resolutions for the future at the time of your recollection. The value of a General Confession of Devotion lies not in the repetition of sin but in the discovery of one's weaknesses and the formation of real desires to serve Christ more faithfully in the new life ahead. Old worries are buried in the General Confession. Make the confession outside the confessor's busy period. The Chaplains are on duty every evening after 7:30 P.M.

PRAYERS: (deceased) father of Prof. Shilts of the Engineering Dept.; Lieut. Edwin E. Stith Jr; mother of Alfred O'Meara (AS V 7) (Anniv.); father of Ralph J. Postula '40; Michael Ahern; friend of Bill Byrne (D11); (Ill) cousin of Father Leo R. Ward, C.S.C.