

(FOR THE CATHOLIC STUDENT AT NOTRE DAME)

A suggested act of
charity: attend early
Sunday Mass, leaving 10:10
for Ball guests.

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More charity, this time
towards God: Arrive on
time for Sunday Mass.

A Confession From The Aleutians.

"Dear Padre: It has been quite a while since I've been at N.D. I have been in the Army over two years now and overseas for sometime. What I intend to write is not usual coming from a soldier but as Father Gartland (former Prefect of Religion at Notre Dame could tell you it is unusual coming from me. When I was at N.D. there were many days, Sunday included, when my bed seemed much more important to me than going down to the chapel in Dillon or Sorin for daily or even Sunday Mass. After leaving school the same tendency followed me in daily and military life to a great extent. When I finally woke to the realization of what I was missing, my orders became such that it was almost impossible for me to get to Sunday Mass.

"On the transport coming overseas, I managed to get to Mass a couple of times, and arriving I managed to hear a few Masses, but to get to them it meant about a five mile hike over rough terrain, several times in severe rains. It even seemed a little incongruous to me, who would not get up and walk down stairs in the hall to go to Mass, to get up after only a few hours sleep following a guard trick and walk some five miles to kneel at Mass in the rain. Lately it has been impossible for me to get to Mass, and I miss it.

"I'm writing this letter to you in hopes that it may help you in impressing upon the civilian students and, more important, on your Marine and Navy cadets, the importance of making the most of the religious facilities that N.D. and your office offers them. I have found out that Mass, like other things, we take for granted when it and the Church is at our beck and call, but miss them greatly when separated from them. I am hoping to hear Mass at Christmas but if it is impossible I know that I be remembered in Masses at school. Padre, remember me in your prayers."

(V-Mail from a graduate of '41.)

A Bishop Speaks About the Mass.

Once in the RELIGIOUS BULLETIN, Bishop O'Hara, C.S.C., then Prefect of Religion at Notre Dame, now bishop of the Catholics in the U.S. Armed Forces, wrote: "At the hour of death, our greatest consolation will be the Masses we have heard and the Holy Communion received". The Bishop's remark is an application of the words of God (Apoc. 14) used in the Epistle of the Mass for the Dead: "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. . . Let them rest from their labors, for their works follow them."

Good works follow the living, too. The good works done at school, especially the Masses heard and Communion received, follow students through life, through their family and professional career. Now in these war days, the good works of students are following them into the battlefield giving more efficacy to prayers for protection and for courage. God sees and hears not only the man, but also the plea of his good works. Only forty-three Mass days remain in the semester. Forty-three Masses and Communion will give tremendous honor to God and will assist the dying, the sick, the souls suffering in Purgatory, and will bring virtue to the soul and help in studies and examinations. You must make the choice. Does the "bed seem more important to me than going down to the chapel?"

Have You Been Confirmed?

If not, leave your name and address with one of the Chaplains and Student Counsellors. A Confirmation Class will start soon for all students, civilian and military, who have not received the Sacrament.

PRAYERS: (deceased) father of Lieut. Bob Sullivan, (Law '42); John F. Reilly, '29.