

(FOR THE CATHOLIC STUDENT AT NOTRE DAME)

See your Chaplain if
you did not receive a
desk calendar.

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Confirmation soon. See
Chaplain if you have not
received this Sacrament.

Everybody Is Goodlooking In Heaven.

Maybe you are not much to look at now -- even in your own estimation. But take hope. You will be worth looking at in heaven. Of course, we are taking it for granted that you will reach that abode of joy with God. If you miss it, you've missed everything. In fact, if you miss heaven, your eternity will be spent in hell. Not enough reflection is given to the truth that when men save their soul they also save their body.

After the Last Judgment, God will reunite your own body to your soul. This body will be like your original one, for if it is not the same one, then you would be a different person after the Judgment. And after all, it would not be quite fair for God to give you another body when the one you now possess must undergo the burden of daily drill, calisthenics, "cat" fever, mumps, and sinus trouble. It's worth while remembering the eternal merit your body will receive when you feel like complaining about fatigue and extra duty.

Your risen body will retain the same sex and general contours of the original body. It must be so, otherwise there would be no resurrection, but rather the creation of a new body. So don't worry. If you are a physical education instructor, you won't find yourself with the body of a chorus girl. Your friends will recognize you, because your body will have the characteristic marks that distinguished you from other individuals.

A Perfect Body.

After Judgment Day, you will be the same man, but much more improved in body. No parts will be missing. This should be a point of meditation for the cripple, the war victim and for those who have suffered corporal defects because of disease. Eyes, limbs, teeth, will be restored at the resurrection, and restored in perfect working order. St. Thomas makes specific mention in his treatise on this subject of the restoration of hair, not that the Saint wanted to be humorous or encouraging, but to clear away all doubt about that item.

All will be youngsters in heaven, with bodies of about thirty years of age, says St. Thomas. At the age of thirty men have reached perfection and development and deterioration has not set in. So mother, daughter and grandmother will be the same age, and grandmother won't have wrinkles and dried up, ashen skin.

There is the very delicate problem of size of the risen body. Not all will be the same size. Some will be small, some big, some tall, and some short. But none too small, too big, too tall, too short, for these are defects. There will be a very pleasant variety of bodies in heaven. It's all yours providing you serve God with all your heart. Are you trying to do His Holy Will?

PRAYERS: (Missing in action) Lieut. John W. McLaughlin, ex.'39, of Alton, Ill., pilot, missing over Holland. Col. C.D. Jones, '32 of Jackson, Miss., pilot, missing over Italy. (deceased) mother of Father Edw. Campers, C.S.C.; friend of Ed. Priester (B-P); father of Al Truran (Z); father of Brother Venard, C.S.C.; Catherine Murphy; uncle of Francis Keating (Dil); brother-in-law of Brother Alexis, C.S.C.; Mrs. Halda Jones, mother of Mrs. Knute Rockne; brother of Lieut. Victor Zimmerman, '28; aunt of Bill and Dick Bevington (Dil); father of Leo McIntyre, '28; friend of Bob Fitzpatrick (B-P); mother of Sister George, C.S.C. (Ill) sister of Brother Romuald, C.S.C.; brother of Don O'Donnell, missing in action; cousin of Father Simonitsch, C.S.C., missing in action.; father of Frank Ciszczon (Bron); son of Wendell Phillips, missing in action.; Four Special Intentions. One Thanksgiving.