

No More Alleluia.

We Catholics use a Jewish word in our prayers: Alleluia. The Hebrews used that single word when they wanted to express joy to God over some blessing He had given them. The word means literally: "Praise to God." We use it too as a manifestation of joy.

You hear the alleluia throughout the year, especially during Eastertime, and even during Advent. But when Lent approaches, this expression of joy disappears from the prayers used in Church ceremonies.

One would expect the alleluia to be omitted from Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, until Easter. But the Church drops the word from Her liturgy almost three weeks before Lent begins.

The omission of the alleluia is a way good Mother Church tells you to start thinking about Lent and the prayer and penance you will perform. Lent begins a week from today. What are you going to do to make up to God for your laziness, vanity, impatience, and perhaps drunkenness and impurity?

In The Basket, Please!

The recent thaw uncovered a crop of "coke" cups thoughtless persons have been throwing on the lawns and sidewalks. Don't be lazy. Carry your empty cups to a waste barrel. Those who drop rubbish anywhere are evidently careless about cleanliness. Use your home training here. We are supposing your parents taught you not to throw trash about your home.

Prayers.

"I learned today that a very good chum of mine back home has contracted leukemia and is not expected to live much longer. It came upon him so suddenly that he does not know he is going to die soon. One of our friends at home phoned me and wondered if the Notre Dame students would not pray for our pal. I'm sure it would be a great comfort to the sick boy's parents to know that so many on the campus were praying for their son."--Charlie Lenz (Dillon)

Word has just been received that this young man died very quickly.

"Would you include the name of my young brother on the Religious Bulletin. He is gravely ill with toxic poisoning and has been anointed." Tom Egan (Off-Campus)

"Please ask the students to pray for a friend of mine. His name is Jack Hallwedel. He was operated on recently for a brain tumor. He will live for a short but undetermined time." Jack Slattery (Howard)/

For New Students.

You may be wondering what the recent announcement: "Sign up for Adoration" means. Beginning next Sunday with the Forty Hours Devotion and running through Lent there will be daily Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Sacred Heart Church. The students volunteer to take half-hour periods of prayer at this Adoration. The signing up is simply to help you. A student-promoter of the Adoration will stop at your room to secure your name, address and the half-hour of your choice. A reminder card will be sent to you each week in Lent. If the promoter missed you, leave the necessary information with the Prefect of Religion, 117 Dillon Hall; a note under his office door will suffice.