

Marriage Institute tonite
at 8 p.m. Law Auditorium.
Pat and Patricia Crowley..

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...of Chicago, speakers. Stu-
dents'wives invited. No ad-
mission charge.

Where We Stand And Upon Whom.

The duties of the Prefects of Religion--Father Richard Grimm, C.S.C., 117 Dillon and Father Edmund Murray, C.S.C., 107 Cavanaugh--are to safeguard and promote the religious life within the student body on the Notre Dame campus.

It is our responsibility to uphold and teach Christian ideals and principles of life through the channels particular to our office--such as through counseling service, the Religious Bulletin, administration of the sacraments, etc.

We are assisted in this work by other Holy Cross priests who devote much of their time hearing confessions in hall chapels, preaching Sunday sermons, teaching religion, promoting Catholic Action, developing an appreciation of the Sacred Liturgy, fostering devotion to Our Lady.

And all this so that the Notre Dame graduate, who will emerge from his educational and social experiences on the campus, conscious that he is a man, may finally realize that because of his spiritual experiences here as well, he has become that type of articulate Catholic whom the world today demands--that is, if he has used his advantages as they were offered.

At your beck and call, therefore, are the Prefects of Religion. All of their available time is to serve you and your spiritual needs--hearing confessions, administering Holy Communion, discussing with you problems of your state of life, visiting you when you are sick, and sometimes burying you when you are dead.

Eventually, Why Not Now?

We assume the vast majority know, love and serve God the way a practical Catholic should. We also assume others want God, too, though they neglect Him in neglecting prayer and the sacraments while, at the same time, secretly struggling for Him in their hearts.

No matter who you are--senior or freshman--we stand on the assumption you are willing to orientate your whole life around God and the great eternal truths. And in this "City of the Blessed Sacrament" it is not at all surprising how many there are who really do.

It is beside the point whether you are strong or weak, down-and-out or in-and-out, encouraged or discouraged. You are one and all sons of God. Today the Church Militant needs you, your abilities, talents and powers. But more than the Church needs you, you need God and the Church. Our Lord said, "Without Me you can do nothing."

Our best effort is to work with you as you are, not as you ought to be. That's why we are particularly interested in straying sheep, lost sheep, even black sheep. And if we don't make the grade, eventually God will. You have no other time than now.

No Notre Dame student--at whose heart God will knock a thousand times--while on this campus--can ever say God did not give him a chance. Let him give God half a chance and He will work wonders. Sin begets disgusts, uneasiness, frustrations. But God's grace can begin anywhere, anytime, especially when false pleasures begin slapping one down. If God can transform a Saul into a Saint Paul, an Augustine into a Saint Augustine, a denying Peter into a dying apostle; if He can transform a dirty drop of water into a flake of immaculate snow--why, then, no one is impossible.

Prayers:(deceased) Bro. Jarlath, C.S.C.; father of Jos. and Jn. Clark; uncle of J. Vincent (Wal); friend of Bernard McSally (O-C); grandfather of Austin Hogan (Cav.) father of Warren Roque, '48. III; sister of Rev. P. Moore, C.S.C.; mother of R. Holmes, '30; father of E.E. Moore, mother of Al McGann, '25; grandmother of Mrs. P. Gorman (V-V). 7 Special Intentions plus 4 for return to faith.