

Prayers: (deceased) uncle of University of Notre Dame Ill: Brother Peter, csc;  
Rev. Ray. Murray, csc; mother Religious Bulletin Edward J. Hoyt, '37.  
of Revs. Pat & Tom Duffy, csc.. April 12, 1950

### Get Down To Business!

You're now on the last lap. Within seven weeks seniors will have run their course; freshmen, sophomores and juniors will have moved up the educational ladder another rung. Make these last seven weeks count academically and spiritually.

There's no excuse under heaven why you who made this Lent successfully should not keep your eyes opened to the many opportunities for additional graces offered in daily Mass and Holy Communion.

Those who messed up this Lent, did not do penance, failed to keep resolutions--wake up. It does happen that those who break the rules, neglect the Sacraments and are a general liability seem to get along as well as those who do what they should.

Yet our catechism tells us that we should "never envy the wicked their seeming prosperity in this world." The day of reckoning will come and come it must. God "maketh His sun to shine on the good and bad, and raineth upon the just and unjust." But the day will come "when no man can work."

### You Don't Know It All.

When you are tempted to pass judgment on the good and bad and begin to think that after all it doesn't make much difference whether you are good or bad--just pause and reflect on eternal Justice. There is a hell.....and there is a heaven. There are damned souls.....and there are blessed souls. Between the two there is quite a difference.

Pray for the Prodigals. You seldom know anything of the background of disorderly home life that may give the clue to the careless conduct of straying sheep. But God knows those things, and His patience is extended in liberal measure to those who "never had a chance" before.

After you have spent four years at Notre Dame, or after you have been an alumnus for several years, you will discover that not many students "get away with anything" either for four years or for a lifetime. Bad blood will out here or hereafter.

If this rebuke stings you, it is only that you may wake up here instead of in hell.

### You Are Living In A Tough Era.

The Holy Father on Passion Sunday deplored "a world in decay." In His moving sermon he depicted "the deplorable spectacle of a world in decay because of the ruin which has been wrought in it on the fundamental moral structure of life."

The Supreme Pontiff declared: "We, nevertheless, cannot fail to take note of a rising sea of private and public sins, which tends to submerge souls in mud and overthrow wholesome, social conventions....A series of shameless and criminal publications prepare the most disgraceful means of seduction and corruption for vice and crime....The exaltation of immorality has reached the stage of parading in public and injecting itself into the rhythm of the economic and social life of the people, exploiting for profit the most tragic calamities and most miserable weaknesses of humanity."

What His Holiness had to say on Passion Sunday was not meant to be a pious plea fitted conveniently into the holy season of Lent. His message was not to be limited by Passion Sunday on one end and by good Friday on the other. He exhorts every single Catholic the world over to take the first step toward the moral renewal of decadent society through the continued personal practice of the spirit and works of penance.