

These Vital Statistics Might Interest You.

The total number of Communions distributed on campus during the scholastic year, 1949-'50, was 322,507. This amounts to a daily average of 1,688. On-campus enrollment was 3,424; total enrollment, close to 47000.

That you may know off-campus as well as on-campus students use Dillon facilities for Holy Communion (6 a.m. to 12 a.m.) there were 68,881 distributions--38,853 after 7:30.

Although the daily average was 1,688, this figure does not represent anything remarkable. In former years when enrollment was closer to 3100, the daily average was nearly 1500. Hence the net gain in daily average was not proportionate to increased enrollment. The number of Communions per student last year was less than the number per student fifteen years ago. INTERPRET THE DOWNWARD TREND your own way. Material prosperity is sterile soil for spiritual prosperity.

For the ten-year period, 1929 to 1938 (Depression Years), average yearly enrollment was 2982, average daily reception of Holy Communion 1438, or 48% of enrollment.

If 48% of the present enrollment received daily the average would be 2400. Yet the largest number to receive was 2033--on October 8th. . . . Your spiritual temperature is running below normal.

Depression years were significant. Many students were in debt, a large proportion worked to make ends meet. The less spending money the boys had the more they had for the poor. With few exceptions appeals for the poor were well subscribed to.

How much have you given to the poor? In these days of material plenty how much has been given to our office for the poor? Since September--one buck plus \$1.25 found way in the Poor Souls' box yesterday.

More Statistics.

Concerning First Friday adoration. You were asked to sign up for half-hour periods to insure adorers from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Doubtless many made periods of adoration who were hesitant to sign on the dotted line. At any rate take a gander at this:
Alumni--6 signed. . . . Badin--9. . . . Breen-Phillips--9. . . . Cavanaugh--6. . . .
Dillon--22. . . . Farley--9. . . . Howard--1. . . . Lyons--77? . . . Morrissey--7 . . .
. . . St. Ed's--14. . . . Sorin--5 . . . Walsh--7. . . . Zahm--19. Total--202.

Poor Souls' Novena Began Today.

The 169 who deposited lists of departed relatives and friends love the Poor Souls. In the Dillon box were 96 lists; in Cavanaugh 73. Dillon Hall, home of campus spirit, home of men, 445 strong, could have conveniently deposited 400 lists as easily as dropping nickels in the coke machine. 169 lists out of a possible 5,069!

Please note this: among the lists is one composed in 1946 which records the names of 333 Notre Dame students and alumni killed in World War II. We personally knew many of them. In 1937, '38, '39, '40, they were just as hail and hearty as you are now. Ten years can make a tremendous difference, but what a difference!

Thanks to the KC's: for their exemplary and generous cooperation in promoting the Rosary Crusade Rally and for canvassing halls for Rosary pledges. 2,006 signed up. We certainly hope this number does not represent only the students saying the rosary. This is Rosary Year. (Help yourself to the rosaries at the pamphlet racks.)

Prayers: (deceased) Professor Philip Riley of the Language Department; grandmother of Tom Costello (Dil); grandmother of Bill Briody (Sor). The mother of Les Logan (Sor) is to undergo a serious operation. Remember the Poor Souls and all the deceased personnel in the Korean War. Special Intentions--14.