

Dieu vous garde!

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Voila Tout!

Mirabile Dictu.

Gladly and gratefully, the Voice of the Bulletin, unlike the voice of one crying in the wilderness, has a final report on the concrete, tangible evidence of your charity in making the Jim Aoki Fund the success that it is.

Additional contributions have raised the fund from \$1055.25 to \$1496.25! Recent donations include one thousand pennies from three Dillonites who had been saving their coppers for a big time, but on second thought thought otherwise. . . \$20 from an anonymous student. . . another \$20 from a student priest who "knew Jim personally". . . \$1 from a senior "who will soon leave the home he found at Notre Dame". . . \$13 from the employees in and around the Main Building, the guys and gals who are so much a part of Notre Dame life. . . \$20 from the Blue Circle. . . More from Sorin, \$23.50. . a \$250 check from alumnus McCanna. . . \$33.50 in miscellaneous assortments of charity and self-sacrifice. . . Badin has \$90 cooked up, ready to boil over. Zammites are passing the hat. . . What one word will best describe this charity? Let's settle for REMARKABLE.

Your Old Clothes Will Be Used.

Monday night the local Knights of Columbus will canvass all halls for castaways. . . On Tuesday night and the other nights of the week, the local St. Vincent De Paul Society will collect discarded furniture, if usable, for South Bend's needy.

"Si Jeunesse Savait, Si Vieillesse Pouvait."

For the benefit of the electrical engineers whose only contact with culture consists in running their index fingers up and down, over and across, the classics in the library, located square north of Howard Hall, the Bulletin interprets the old French adage: "If youth knew, if age were able." Or, in your language: It would be profitable and worth while if one could put an old head on a young body.

However. . . as vacation advice to 4675 young men we commend to your alert minds the old, scriptural advice of St. Paul: "Your love must be sincere love; you must hold what is evil in abomination, fix all your desire upon what is good."

Most of you don't think you need advice. Most likely you don't. But some of you do; and some of you say you do. It gets tiresome telling you not to do this, not to do that; not to drink too much; not to be late for Sunday Mass; not to squander the graces God offers you here in abundance. There is danger of stressing the negative in lieu of the positive. But we have emphasized that the religion Christ gave us is not a way of life that teaches us only how to avoid hell. It is a religion of love, a love of God above all things. It is a faith and hope and charity that urges us to reach out for a perfection of life that is limited solely by the infinitude of God.

On paper, it's possible to save your souls by just avoiding hell, by being negatively good and virtuous. But why not make your love of God positive, progressive, dynamic. . . and not merely play it safe? Your love of neighbor must be more than merely not hating him. Your love of the truth must be more than merely not telling lies. You must love honestly, not merely hate dishonest practices. Your light must shine, not be hidden under a bushel. You must follow Christ, not merely stay out of the Devil's reach.

Before keying "30" the Bulletin wants to express its appreciation to all who contributed in making this a good year sacramentally and otherwise. Especially, do your chaplains thank the Apostolic Chapter of the N.F.C.C.S. for their loyalty and cooperation. Bon voyage! with this thought: Some of you may knock Notre Dame, but you can't beat her. N'est-ce pas?

Prayers: operation, Sr. Mary de Sales; mother of a student; Jim Aoke. 4675 Sp. Ints.