

No 9 o'clock Mass Sunday.
Solemn opening 8:30. . .
Freshman attendance required.

University of Notre Dame
Religious Bulletin
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. . . Other Masses in Main
Church: 6, 7, 8, 8:30, 10
and 11.

Orientating The Freshmen.

The Religious Bulletin. Now in its thirty-first year, this little ~~bulletin~~ is delivered to the students living in the halls. Off-campus students, whether their condition is temporary or permanent, may pick up their copies at the pamphlet racks in Cavanaugh and Dillon Halls, or at the offices of the three student chaplains: Father Barry, 107 Cavanaugh; Father Fagan, 107 Howard; Fr. Grian, 117 Dillon.

For three days freshmen have been briefed on how to act like freshmen. Upperclassmen, through the sponsorship of the Blue Circle, have been offering their services to induct them through the orientation program into the family life at Notre Dame.

At this early date freshmen have learned something already about Notre Dame's traditions and facilities--spiritual, academic and recreational. They will hear much of this repeated later. Let them know they are heartily welcome and are expected now to look upon Notre Dame as their home, not as a Castle in Spain.

In the beginning, what is most necessary is "the willing spirit"--the willingness to be friendly, the willingness to learn, the willingness to pray, the willingness to cooperate with all those responsible for their religious, intellectual and social development.

What Comes First.

This "willing spirit" will be enriched if freshmen understand their first lesson correctly, word for word. Very clearly, the University believes that a system of education which gives little attention to the development of moral character is a dangerous and evil thing. Here the cultivation of the soul comes first because that is the divinely-constituted order of things.

"What shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, but suffer the loss of his soul." Remember this the next time you walk past the chapel instead of walking in.

Freshmen, dropping into the midst of an established community possessing conventions all its own but in tune with sound Catholic teaching and practice, need every guidepost that can point the way to that fundamental truth Christ Himself taught.

Tonight: Freshman Mission.

Conducted by the Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C.

Sacred Heart Church: 6:45.

The Mission at the opening of the school year is a great institution. Notre Dame doesn't bring her freshmen in a week ahead to enhance "New Looks," but to promote the New Testament; she doesn't convoke them for an hour or two a day to give them leisure to plan mischief, but she does take them in hand when they arrive and tells them in plain English what amounts to this: You are here to advance in wisdom and age and grace with God and men.

Father Hesburgh, Executive Vice President, will tell you neophytes who's who and what's what at Notre Dame. He will put it right on the line. . . . If any freshman skips this Mission--Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights, 6:45--he has already made his worst possible start.

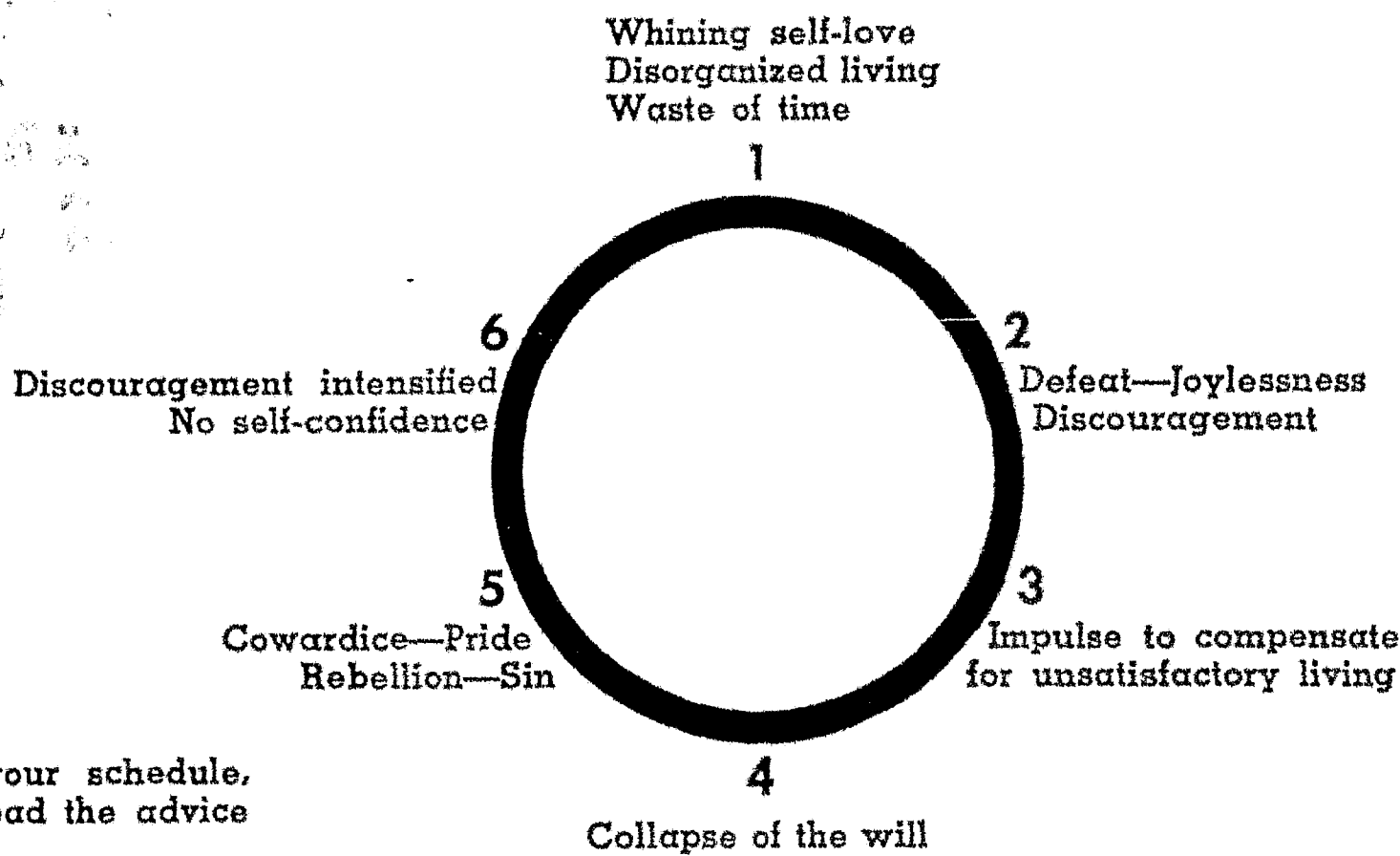
On the other hand, if freshmen are wise they will accept this first important grace, but they will do more; they will adjust themselves wholeheartedly to Notre Dame's sacramental life and avail themselves to the rich graces that come to them who cooperate generously with Christ and Our Lady.

Break This Vicious Circle by Planned Living

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NOTE—Before filling out your schedule,
turn this card over and read the advice
on the opposite side.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6:00	Rise promptly. While dressing, turn your mind to God and offer Him your actions of the day, your joys, study, suffering, etc. Assist at Mass and receive Holy Communion.						
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CHAPLAINS AND STUDENT COUNSELORS:

Father Richard Grimm, C.S.C.
(117 Dillon)

Father Joseph D. Barry, C.S.C.
(107 Cavanaugh)

Father Robert J. Fagan, C.S.C.
(107 Howard)

"If you have troubles come in and tell me about them; if not, come in and tell me how you do it."

An Instruction on the Sixth Commandment

God could have created all people at once, or He could have created bodies successively as He does souls, but God created man "in his own image and likeness," and as part of that likeness He gave man a share in His creative power, which is the power we find the most awe-inspiring when we contemplate God in His works. It is the great desire of God that heaven be peopled with saints who will be happy with Him eternally; yet He makes the creation of a soul dependent upon the will of a man and a woman.

Herein we see the tremendous responsibility of marriage. It is a partnership, not merely between man and woman, but between a man, a woman and God. God is not mocked. A terrible judgment awaits the man or woman who tries to cheat God out of His share in this partnership. No majority of vote, no council of "churches", no civil law can make right what God has called a "detestable sin."

Grave cares and responsibilities attend the use of this creative power. Whoever assumes responsibility for the life of a child must give that child a two-fold education, material and spiritual; it must be put in a position to make a living and gain heaven. Sacrifice by the parents for the child begins with the life of the child and ends only with death. Selfish men and women who foresee these pains and cares and disappointments are tempted strongly to forego parenthood: God knows these temptations and supplies motives to offset them—the instinct of fatherhood and motherhood, the love of children, the desire to have the companionship and solicitous care of one's own in life's declining years, and so forth. One of the strongest incentives to the act by which God's plan of creation is carried on is the pleasure, both mental and physical, contained in the act itself.

This pleasure is not evil in itself; it is a good when it is used as a means to the end God intended it to serve, in lawful marriage (the stability of which insures to the child the care of both father and mother in its education). But it is an abominable evil, hateful alike to God and man, to seek the pleasure for itself without regard to the

end for which God intended it. If the procuring or voluntary acceptance of this pleasure outside of its lawful end were not a mortal sin, many would avoid the burdens of married life, and God's plan of creation would be frustrated. It is evident, therefore, that any thought, word, desire, reading, conversation or act that produces such pleasure is forbidden under pain of mortal sin when it is admitted voluntarily and without necessity; and if such pleasure arises accidentally from some necessary pursuit (for example, in certain studies in Medicine) the will must be set steadfastly against the pleasure.

Purity is a virtue so noble, so elevating, so manly, so strong, so brave, that even libertines stand in awe of it. Rakes and profligates may rail and sneer at it, calling it an impossibility, denying its existence; but bring them into the presence of purity and their foul tongues are silenced. "Which of you shall convince me of sin?" silenced the traducers of our Blessed Saviour. It is when under the influence of strong drink, which maddens reason, that a profligate loses his awe in the presence of purity. The pure man can not be a coward; he has fought too many fights—and without the inspiration of applause from on-lookers; he can not be base: his love of God has elevated him above baseness; he can not be a traitor: fidelity is burned into his soul. Purity is an indispensable virtue for MEN.

"I knew that without God I could not be continent," said the Wise Man in the Old Testament. The grace of God is necessary for this fight, which is a fight, never-ending, but glorious. Atop the golden dome you will see the inspiration the University of Our Lady offers her sons for this fight: Mary, Virgin most pure, Mother of Grace, Immaculate from the first moment of her being, who preferred to the dignity of being the Mother of God, fidelity to her promise of virginity. In the tabernacles of Notre Dame, "the City of the Blessed Sacrament," you will find the Food that makes Notre Dame men strong for the battle. Notre Dame loves the Blessed Sacrament. Mary—Our Life, our Sweetness and our Hope—leads you to Jesus.

Blessed are the clean of heart: for they shall see God. —MATT. 5.8.