

Mass and Communion for  
the team Saturday.

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Say your beads daily. . . and  
daily for peace.

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"What Shall I Do, Lord?"

Saul and his henchmen rode determinedly to Damascus to arrest Christians and bring a group of these upstarts back to Jerusalem for punishment.

Suddenly about noon there shone round me a great light from heaven; and I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, "Saul, Saul, why dost thou persecute me?"

"Who art thou, Lord?" And he said to me, "I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou art persecuting." . . . And I said, "What shall I do, Lord?"

This is the prayer of young men who want a guidepost for the future. What does God want them to do? "What is my vocation?" . . . "Is it marriage?" . . . "A single life in the world?" . . . "Is it the religious life?" . . . "The priesthood?"

Do not be over confident that your own private judgment suffices in choosing your state in life. You may claim common sense, good judgment, prudence. But prudent men seek advice; Catholic men ask it of God.

Chances are God will not miraculously intervene and tell you as He told Saul, "Get up and go into Damascus, and there thou shalt be told of all that thou art destined to do."

Thursday afternoons in Sacred Heart Church, 4:30 to 5:30, priests, brothers and students (all invited) assemble for an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. First, they adore God for what He is, Creator and Redeemer. Then they thank Him for all graces received and beg forgiveness for their sins and negligences. It is this spirit of gratitude that gives them a right to beg for the special graces to know and to do whatever He wills through them for His honor and glory.

Next Time: Don't Forget Your Umbrella.

When the number of Holy Communions in Dillon, Howard and Cavanaugh diminishes by 113 on a damp, dark morning (such as yesterday) we are forced to conclude that 113 of you can't take a bad break in the weather.

There are some who take advantage of the late distribution of Holy Communion (until 9:30 in Howard and Cavanaugh; until noon in Dillon). Some don't. Others criticize this practice because it encourages laziness. It does; but it also encourages devotion. The sacrifices involved in the reception of more than 41,000 late Communions last year seem to justify the late-Communion facilities. It is a mistake to conclude hastily that all of these late communicants are merely sack hounds who should be trained to a keener spirit of sacrifice.

A large percentage of the students who make use of these opportunities are off-campus students; some of them work until late at night to finance their education; many others sacrifice breakfast rather than miss Holy Communion. And if a student wants to take a late sleep now and then, why should he be deprived of Holy Communion.

The ideal fostered by the Church is the reception of Communion as an integral part of the Mass. Tolerating daily Communion outside of Mass, however, does not lead to a careless regard for the Mass. The experience at Notre Dame, over a long period of years, is that it is not daily Mass that brings daily Communion; it is daily Communion that fosters daily Mass. So if students learn to love Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, they will normally learn to love Him even more in the Sacrifice of the Mass. For His death was the one thing He wished to have remembered. That is why He Himself instituted the precise way it should be recalled. . . the Mass.