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# EASTER DUTY!

In the hall chapels Friday the EASTER DUTY will be made in common. That's the way we like to do it at Notre Dame.

Cooperation is essential to success. Those who have already received — on any day since the first Sunday in Lent — have fulfilled their obligations, but they are requested to receive again Friday — for 4 big reasons:

1. It is well to have the habit of offering a specific Communion in fulfillment of this Precept of the Church;
2. Good example, like bad example is contagious. Those who go, encourage others to go; those who stay away, encourage others to stay away.
3. Experience has shown that the timid who find it hard to go to the Sacraments feel better about it if they have strong support, and fixing a date is the spark that ignites the flame.
4. Cooperation! You are your brother's keeper. Whoever influences a single sinner from the error of his ways, no doubt saves his own soul. "My brethren, if one of you strays from the truth, and a man succeeds in bringing him back, let him be sure of this: to bring back erring feet into the right path means saving a soul from death, means throwing a veil over a multitude of sins." (James 5:20.)

## CONFESSION IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

A single drop of dirty water can be transformed into a flake of immaculate snow . . . Constantly pawing over past blunders, like a nervous ragpicker, will never reveal the wonderful Mercy of God, whose "tender mercies are above all his works." . . . "If your sins be as scarlet, they shall be made as white as snow." . . . Go to confession today, or tonight, or tomorrow, or tomorrow night. Don't let anything interfere.

## WHY EASTER DUTY FRIDAY MARCH 7?

**March 7** is the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, Patron Saint of Catholic schools, who sums up the wisdom of his entire Summa in this one thought: God is at once the first principle whence all creatures proceed, the last end whither they return, and the way they must follow to reach him.

**March 7** is First Friday. To St. Margaret Mary Our Lord said: "I will grant to all who receive Holy Communion on the First Friday of every month, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance."

**March 7** is the date (8 p.m., Sacred Heart Church) we inaugurate the Perpetual Novena of Our Mother of Sorrows. The Blessed Virgin earned her title as Our Sorrowful Mother at the foot of the Cross. No more fitting preparation is there for disposing ourselves to receive the many graces of this devotion than assistance at Mass, which is the Sacrifice of the Cross brought into our chapels, and the reception of Holy Communion, the Bread of Eternal Life.