

2600 years ago Aesop said: University of Notre Dame ...another when you don't want
"One excuse is as good as..." Religious Bulletin to go to confession."
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Keep Up The Good Work.

Welcome back. The vacation wasn't long enough, but it was good enough while it lasted. The daily attendance at Mass and the daily reception of Holy Communion during Lent proved what you can do when you get down to business.

One year ago the total number of Communions--if statistics mean anything to anyone--was 80,379. When the records are compiled for this Lent the total will run slightly higher.

We have six weeks left of this semester. There is no sense in a general, over-all letdown. We need the Mass in May as much as we need it in March. We need Christ daily.

"Am I An Imposter?"

Francois Mauriac asks this question (in STUMBLING BLOCK): "Every believer, whatever his belief, must ask himself: am I an imposter? Do I really adhere with all my heart and with all my spirit to the Credo which I profess, or do I concur in it from habit, or because I was born into it, or for the advantages which I receive from it, or for my convenience?"

No one is an imposter who is genuinely honest with himself and with God. He knows what he's here for, admits that he makes mistakes, calls them his own, goes to the Sacraments because he knows Christ instituted them for the good of his soul.

Such a man who is honest with himself is honest with others. He doesn't make faces at others behind a mask of urbanity. This humbleness of spirit naturally makes his overall demeanor one of kindness. Charity is his medicine for all. This reminds us of a few thoughts on kindness expressed by St. Francis de Sales:

Everything in life can be done by gentleness; nothing by force. Rudeness spoils all, closes the heart, engenders hate and obstinacy. . .

When you hear anyone spoken ill of, make the accusation doubtful, if you can do so justly; if you cannot, excuse the intention of the party accused; if that cannot be done, express compassion for him or change the topic of conversation; recall the detractor to himself with meekness, and declare some good action of the person in question, if you know any.

Be Generous In This Novena.

As you know by now, Father John Cavanaugh's term as president of Notre Dame will be terminated this coming summer. The president of Notre Dame is also the religious superior of all the priests and brothers under his jurisdiction. Canon Law limits the term of superiorship to six years, or two terms of three years each.

We have been asked to plug this novena being sponsored by the student body through the Blue Circle. It will be composed of Masses, Holy Communion, Rosaries, Visits to the Blessed Sacrament, etc. One of the finest and best ways of showing appreciation to Father Cavanaugh for the tireless way he has spent himself for you and Notre Dame is to say it, not with flowers but with spiritual bouquets.

We may never achieve unity on class schedules, menus, politics, our ideas of student government and student responsibility--but we can reach great unity on our knees when we say our prayers and pray to God for one another.

Prayers: (deceased) John La Forge, '32; mother of Hugh Burns; grandmother of Robert Bradner, '50; Clarence Dore, '19. (Donations amounting to \$16 for Jim Aoki.)