

Adoration 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. University of Notre Dame Vocational Holy Hour 4:30 to
Benediction at 1 o'clock Religious Bulletin 5:30.
May 14, 1952

It Made A Difference - In Reverse:

Mother's Day and the number of Communions received. May 4, the second day of the Novena for Mother's Day, the total number receiving was 1,941. Mother's Day itself 1,871 received. Whoever knows the answer to that one can go to the head of the class.

Let's Try It Again.

Tomorrow is the feast of St. John Baptist de La Salle, patron of teachers. See if you can coax your carcass into the chapel for Mass and your soul into the right dispositions for Holy Communion. Remember in your prayers the intentions of Father John Cavanaugh, who, this summer, retires as president of Notre Dame.

All Catholic schools in the country have been asked to offer up prayers of thanksgiving to God for the blessings He has bestowed upon Catholic schools.

The Blue Circle urges you to remember these two intentions tomorrow. . . at Mass.

Why Pray For Vocations?

If the Holy Ghost is tempting you to the priesthood or the religious life, consult your confessor about it without delay.

The duty of providing the Church with priests and religious does not fall primarily upon colleges and universities, but upon Christian families. Much emphasis has been placed upon the spirituality of marriage--and rightly so. But in stressing the beauty and sacredness of the Sacrament of Marriage we may not understress the Sacrament of Marriage we may not understress the Sacrament of Holy Orders and the call to the religious life.

Otherwise we may deflect many qualified young men and women from the service of God. Without such men and women Catholic education would be practically impossible. "The ultimate end, the highest summit which the love of two human beings can reach, is to surrender to God for a higher function the son or daughter whom He has given them."

The purpose of prayer is not to change God's will, not to bend it so that He will do our bidding, but to conform our will to His. In the Our Father we pray: "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. . . "

We pray for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life that many human wills will be conformed to the divine invitation: "Come, follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Our Duty As Catholics.

From the moment when the Blessed Mother pronounced her "Fiat"; from the day when the Son of God took a human nature to save humanity, God has willed that humanity be saved through men. As the diamond is polished with diamond dust, so man is converted through man. Christ has no other hands with which to aid the poor than our own; He has no other lips with which to speak His truths to the pagans of the world, except through our own; He has no way of building churches in His name or schools, except through our alms and charities. Since it is humanity that He wills to save and not us alone as Americans, then our love must be as Catholic as His own:--"Go ye into the world." If Jerusalem said: "We must make everyone here a follower of Christ before we convert Rome," Rome would never have the faith. . . The Catholic who is not preoccupied with the world, is not truly Catholic. And it is only by saving the world for Christ that we will save America. -- from MISSION by Bishop Sheen.

Prayers: (deceased) Sister of Brothers Jacob and Titus; father of Dick Willemain.