

University of Notre Dame
Religious Bulletin
May 8, 1953

Rarely In The Headlines

Today, the Bulletin pauses to call your attention to, and to wish the blessing of God on, Sister Elfreda who has just completed 50 years of service at Notre Dame. Sister Elfreda is just humble enough to resent any attention being directed at her. But Notre Dame, in all the welter of learned societies and the rash of Ph. D.'s that encompass us, is just human enough to thank this noble soul who has conspired so well with Our Lady in the labors of Her household this past half century.

Today, you see little of Sister Elfreda and the other Sisters at the convent who have played no small part in the story of this school. But your fathers knew them well -- as did your grandfathers. Ask them about Sister Lourdes in the kitchen; Sister Alloysius at the Minims; Sister Cecilia at the infirmary; Sister Firma and a host of others at the laundry -- all of whom have now folded their aprons, and their hands, and gone off quietly to heaven. In casting up the list of builders of Notre Dame, it would be less than accurate were we to omit this valiant group whose day knew long hours and endless labor, whose every action was a prayer. Failure in their department would have brought local chaos into any day here -- much more so than the absence of any professor!

Today, we salute Sister Elfreda, and the others associated with her, and those whose names are now written in the Book of Life Eternal. After all these years it is fitting that you say thanks, too. Sister Elfreda, Sister Zigmunda who makes the hosts, and their companions, would like best of all to be remembered in your Mass and Communion this Sunday. We shall offer the 10 o'clock Mass especially for the jubilarian, who is still one of the pillars of Our Lady's house.

Have You Been Confirmed ?

There is still time, in case you have not been Confirmed, to see Father Barry, in Cavanaugh Hall, to make arrangements for next Monday evening. The Reverend Bishop will confer the sacrament in the chapel at Holy Cross Seminary at 7:30 p.m. Father Barry will acquaint you with further details.

Missals Still Available

See your Prefects of Religion in Howard, Cavanaugh, and Dillon. We still have an abundant supply of the popular St. Andrew's Missal -- at wholesale price!! Our objective is to get a missal into the hands of every man on campus, that he may offer Mass with the priest in an intelligent and social manner. Besides this, a missal aids greatly in keeping distractions away. You could very well startle your pastor, and edify your neighbors, this summer at home, by using a missal at the parish Mass. It will be one more indication that you got something from Notre Dame in addition to a keen appreciation for home-cooking.

Reminders

That we have Benediction every day in the Lady Chapel at 5 p.m. -- a brief but wonderful devotion within the range of all... That a daily visit to the Grotto during the month of May is an old Notre Dame custom which has paid rich dividends to generations of Her loyal sons... That we have the Novena to the Sorrowful Mother tonight at 6:45, with ample room for all -- even for Seniors and their guests.

REMEMBER Deceased: grandfather of Robert Miller of Dillon; Conrad M. Ochea, '28; father of Charles Crockett, '32; aunt of Tom Coleman of Farley; wife of Alonzo Pinnup, '20; grandfather of John Casasanta (Off-Campus). Ill: Edward J. Quinn, chairman of the Commerce Advisory Board.