

Missal campaign continues
tonight in Dillon, St.
Edward's, and Alumni.

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Return all Religious Survey
forms to the Prefect of Reli-
gion -- Room 117 Dillon Hall.

Why Daily Communion?

Father Daniel Lord, S.J., whom the Seniors thought to be "tops" when he gave their retreat, last year, has this to say about the Eucharist:

"It is the most important subject in the world, and the very heart and center of all Christian living. The Lord just once promised predestination: 'He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has life everlasting and I will raise him up on the last day.' When, out of all the things He could have done the last night of his mortal life, He selected the most important and for us the most precious and vital, Christ chose the institution of the Eucharist. This was His great and unparalleled gift to His beloved friends.

"Through it, He dreamed that all the world would be united. Men and women of all nations and all the ages would sit down together at the one great Banquet. The Paschal Lamb would become the Saving Lamb of God, the very center of the sheepfold. Christ would Himself be both Shepherd and the Lamb of our everlasting Banquet. Recognizing, on the verge of world betrayal and the desertion of His disciples' human weakness, Christ planned for their strength and endurance.

"What we poetically call the Bread of Angels became in fact the Bread for exiled, and traveling, and heaven-bound, and hell-beset human beings.

"The wonder of the Eucharist is so staggering that it demands a great act of faith. And that act of faith must be buttressed with much thought and prayer. The gift of the Eucharist is so gentle and unobstrusive that its use remains a matter of free choice.

"One of the frightening facts about history is that men and women could listen to the clear words of Christ: '...This is my body...this is my blood,' and retort cruelly: 'I don't believe!' The far less intelligible historic fact is that believers who claim they understand the meaning of Mass and Holy Communion, and the living presence of Jesus among them, should treat the Blessed Sacrament with almost complete neglect.

"Never was a clear statement less understood. Never was a glorious gift less appreciated. Never did hungry men so cling to their hunger. Never did lonely people so reject the comfort of the One who wants to share their exile. Never did the weak so turn their backs on the source of their strength. Never did God's generosity find such blank looks, casual neglect, furious rejection."

Since God meant the Eucharist to be the answer to all human problems, the center of world unity, the fountain of unending strength, the comfort of His near presence, our way of serving God and sharing God's best gifts with our fellowmen -- Notre Dame herself is lavish in presenting opportunities for you to receive Communion daily. Notre Dame's best lesson to American youth is her hundreds who receive Our Lord daily.

Tomorrow at 4:45 in Sacred Heart Church -- the Holy Hour, with public recitation of the Rosary and Benediction at 5:15. Drop in for all or part of the Hour.
Friday -- is the First Friday of the month -- the day on which, (at His own directive,) we receive Our Lord and pray for the grace of a Happy Death.

PRAYERS REQUESTED -- Deceased: friend of Jim O'Toole (O-C); aunt of Fr. Dan O'Neil, CSC; friend of Phil Bohmert of Dillon; Sister of Prof. Tom Fallon (Phy. Ed. Dept.) Ill; aunt and friend of Jack Selner of Zahm; friend of Craig Hewett, '46; father of Alex Marcel of Dillon (dying); sister of Tom Galligan (Alumnus). 3 Sp. Intentions.