

Mass in each hall, this
Sunday; watch hall bulletin
boards for time.....

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Tonight at 6:45, the Junior
Mission--then the Pep Rally
Go to both.

First Things First

Coming to Notre Dame for an education was the general idea. Yet; you hardly hit the campus before we invited you into Church. That's the way things go at Notre Dame--including God in the general scheme of things. If the ultimate purpose of your being on earth is to know, love, and serve God -- we're on the right track.

A mission at the beginning of the school year is a big thing at Notre Dame. It gives one the general idea that eternity should not be forgotten in our plan of life. And the man who lives each day in the state of grace is the man who gets a full Notre Dame education. They may not pay much attention to this side of life at Princeton or Harvard, or Yale -- but at Notre Dame it's different.

Come to think of it, we're not original in this idea at all, because that was the basic American tradition established in the days of the Founding Fathers of our American Republic. They themselves were products of schools for the most part established and maintained by religious denominations, in which religion permeated school life. It is imperative to keep in mind that in these schools were formed the framers of the law, the makers of the States, the upbuilders of the American Union. Randolph and Mason, Jefferson and Marshall, came from William and Mary College, a religious school; George Washington was its first American Chancellor.

In the days of the New England patriots, Yale and Harvard were religious colleges. From Princeton were graduated clergymen who went into the South and Southwest to open private schools. In Rhode Island, Delaware, and Maryland future leaders were educated in private or church schools. The entire record fills pages and pages. It makes most interesting reading. To say the least, it is really striking in view of the present-day development of the religionless public-school system.

Anyone who skipped the Mission is cheating himself. He's entitled to a full education. He may be a Phi Beta Kappa on classroom records -- but he's a dud when the full picture unfolds before him. Notre Dame educates a man for this world, and for eternity. Notre Dame tries to prepare a man to make a living, and to spend an eternity with God in infinite and endless happiness. The second part is the one that will last the longest and mean the most.

Notre Dame is just smart enough to remember this, and to take it into consideration in her plan for a complete education. Are you smart enough to see to it that you get all that's coming to you? There are no fees, you know, for using the Sacraments.

If you overlooked this phase of Notre Dame life, pick up the fumble and get moving. The game is still in the first quarter.

Sunday at 6:45 P.M. in Sacred Heart Church members of the Senior Class, under the
direction of Fr. Charles Carey, C. S. C., Prefect of Religion, begin their mission.
Be there!

Sunday - 9 o'clock Mass for Phil Twigg, '56, at request of the Senior Class.

Life In Vetville

"Each season, my silly wife hocks
Her jewels -- and then bets on the Sox.
But it's never been fun
For she's never yet won --
Can you send us a key to Fort Knox?"

-- Her Husband