

Dillon, Pangborn, and
Sorin are due for Adora-
tion, tomorrow.

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Please: Leave the evening
Masses in crowded Dillon for
those who must come then.

This Happens Annually

Sorin Sub: About this Lenten dispensation again -- just what does it mean ?

Reply: It means that you go along in food matters just as you always do -- as long as you eat on campus. There are no restrictions whatsoever. The Off-Campus students have it even better -- they enjoy elsewhere what you enjoy on-campus only. For you the dispensation is local; for the Off-Campus men, it is personal.

Sorin Sub: Suppose I want to eat in South Bend ?

Reply: When you leave the campus, you leave the dispensation here, too. But the general Church Law permits you to eat meat once a day at the principal meal. And so you are permitted to eat meat once a day off-campus -- at the meal you eat off-campus. Hence, too, faculty members, employees, etc., may eat meat once a day off-campus (for example, at the evening meal with their families -- even though they have already eaten meat earlier on campus).

Sorin Sub: But if you are dispensed by local exemption for part of the day, you are dispensed for the whole day everywhere. A priest said so.

Reply: Our Bishop, who gave the dispensation, wants us to confine our eating of meat to the principal meal taken off-campus. He explains it this way:

"In the past, I have had a great many complaints about members of the faculty, and of the student body, taking it upon themselves to apply the dispensation even if they eat off-campus. They actually gave scandal..."

Thus, the theological opinion, which of itself is sound, must here give way to the Bishop's prudent insistence that we avoid giving scandal in South Bend and elsewhere, as we most certainly do when we gulp hamburgers at all hours before the villagers. Adult Catholics in South Bend and elsewhere are commanded to abstain from meat except at the principal meal during Lent. The Bishop wants adult students and faculty to do the same when they eat in town, and so edify the neighborhood.

Please Note: a) Eating between meals pertains to the fast - which binds all over 21.
----- b) Eating meat pertains to abstinence -- which binds all over 7.

Sorin Sub: What if I go elsewhere for a weekend ?

Reply: You come under the laws of that diocese. It may be great to tell the girl's family you have a dispensation at Notre Dame. But it doesn't entitle you to eat bacon for breakfast, a roast of beef at noon, and a steak in the evening -- except on Sunday when no Lenten laws are in effect. Maybe her family will be grateful!

Sorin Sub: You say I should substitute something else for a penance, then ?

Reply: Yes, and so does the Bishop -- he specifies that you attend daily Mass and the Lenten Series. If that's not possible, choose other forms, because no one -- not even the Holy Father -- can exempt you from some form of penance these days. It's an order from God Himself: "Unless you do penance, you shall all likewise perish!"

PRAYERS - Deceased: Rev. Julian O. Kousling: grandfather of Dick Prather of Alumni; uncle of Bill McCaffery of Cavanaugh hall; grandmother of Jack Bedan of Pangborn; Grandmother of Jim Termini of Dillon. Ill: father of Mike Regan of Lyons; mother of Gordon '54, and Jim '55 Bergquist; Art Kartheiser, '41 (accident). 3 special intentions.