

University of Notre Dame

Tonight at 6:45: The  
Sorrowful Mother Novena  
for the last time.

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Saturday: Confessions in  
Sacred Heart Church from  
4:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

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Keep The Faith  
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Back in the griping days of February, and March, you were routed out of bed in the mornings; and you were checked in at night. The chapel routines and the regimented life wore you down. And frequently you used to say: "I wish there were no morning bells, or night bells. I wish I were entirely on my own! I swear, Father, I'D LEAD A MUCH BETTER AND HOLIER LIFE!"

With vacation you will be on your own. Now you will have only your conscience to remind you of all the little nudges that rectors and prefects supplied -- some of you for three months; others for the rest of your lives. Now you have the chance to act like men, on your own.

And if Notre Dame education is "taking" with you, you will put into practice, this summer, these unpretentious recommendations:

- a) You will see to it, above all, that during the summer you live every hour in the state of grace. Notre Dame men die suddenly -- that's our record; hence, you can't afford to take a chance. If you unfortunately sin, you'll get by yourself as soon as possible and make a sincere act of contrition, promising confession at the first opportunity. To help yourself, you will be choosy about your friends and amusements.
- b) You will be on time every Sunday for Mass, and you will offer Mass from beginning to end with a missal in your hand, proving to the local parish that at Notre Dame we read something more than football programs. A missal will help you rivet your attention on the Mass, and will obtain exceptional graces from the Mass.
- c) You will receive Holy Communion every Sunday, regardless of the hardships. You know from experience how frequent Communion helps keeps you in line.
- d) Morning and night at your bedside -- even when you're visiting away from your home -- you will say your prayers devoutly. They need not be long; but they must come from the heart. The Morning Offering will do the job adequately when you arise. In the evening, pay special attention to your Act of Contrition.

In a word, as Johnny Mangan -- the old, Celtic sage of Cadillac Hall -- used to phrase it in his rich Irish brogue, "Keep the Faith!" You'll admit that your Faith has been strengthened here at Notre Dame -- thanks to the generous and persistent cooperation of rectors and prefects. Now it will be tested, because you are on your own. Have a happy summer, but be men -- Our Lady's Men!

This is the last regular issue of the semester. Monday's Bulletin will concern itself with the Seniors only, and the Commencement Week schedule of facilities.

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PRAYERS REQUESTED - Deceased: Sister Maura (former Summer School student); uncle and cousin of Bill Scanlon of Pangborn. Ill: mother of Bro. Jerome Qualler, CSC; Brother Ralph, CSC; Alex Przybysz; Mr. Joseph F. Donahue (Trustee).  
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Old Clothes Drive -- at the year's end, we gather up usable old clothes for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Drop them into the container placed in your hall.