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LAST SUNDAY at the 11:00 o'clock Mass, many of you proved that you can sing something besides "Volare". Somewhere there's a saying, "he who sings well, prays twice". So, if it's a good return you're looking for from your prayers, sing the Mass next Sunday at 11:00.

THE ODDS THAT THE FORTHCOMING moon "shoot" will hit the moon are 25 to 1. However, I will bet that the odds are much shorter that 1) some of you are making an inadequate thanksgiving after receiving Holy Communion. And 2) some of you are leaving Sunday Mass early without a just cause. HOW ABOUT IT??



I promise thee, in the excess of the mercy of My Heart, that Its all-powerful love will grant to all who receive Holy Communion on the First Friday of every month, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance and that they shall not die under My displeasure, nor without receiving the Sacraments; and My Heart shall be their refuge at that last hour.

BEEN SLEEPING LATE since the weekend? what about the Poor Souls, who are counting on your prayers and good works during this month of November?? Are you going to ignore their plea??? Get out of that bed! Off that inner-spring pad!

HAVE YOU SIGNED for a half hour of Adoration on Friday afternoon? There is still time to do so. See your hall spiritual commissioner.

THIS WEEK-END the seniors accompany the team to Pittsburgh. A couple of reminders. If you started the Sorrowful Mother Novena, pick up a copy of the prayers at the Church and continue it privately. Another thing; don't forget the Novena for the Poor Souls. Get to Mass in Pittsburgh Saturday morning, and say the novena prayers. Copies can be obtained from Don Gillies in 327 Walsh. And remember, too, that confessions are heard in Dillon every night, 6:00 to 10:00. Don't put off confession until it's time for Mass Friday morning.


BLOOD DONORS ARE STILL NEEDED.

the Faithful Departed

Uncle of Joe Pietrus of Morrissey;
Grandmother of Al Van Besien of Walsh;
Robert D. O'Neil, '23 (father of Robert, '57); friend of John Bischoff of Farley;
grandmother of John Hauter of Keenan;
Charles J. Weber, '54; friend of Norb Wiech of Pangborn; uncle of Roger Breslin of Alumni; Clem Lane, city editor of the Chicago Daily News; father of Thomas Carfagno, '25; uncle of Bob Condon of Badin; cousin of Dick Dyniewicz of Stanford; Mrs. Frances Cummings.

Ill: Child of James Sena of the English Dept.; wife of Bill Holland, '27; father of Fred J. Hartmann, '52.

TONIGHT at 6:45 in the Student Center, the classes in "How to Serve Mass", get under way.



SOME YEARS AGO, Mr. Christopher Dawson wrote:

Every Christian mind is a seed of change so long as it is a living mind, not enervated by custom or ossified by prejudice. A Christian has only to be in order to change the world, for in that act of being there is contained all the mystery of supernatural life. It is the function of the Church to sow this divine seed, to produce not merely good men, but spiritual men--that is to say, supermen. In so far as the Church fulfils this function it transmits to the world a continuous stream of spiritual energy. If the salt itself loses its savour, then indeed the world sinks back into disorder and death, for a despiritualized Christianity is powerless to change anything; it is the most abject of failures, since it serves neither the natural nor the spiritual order.

MR. DAWSON EXPRESSES WELL the apologetic value of living the Christian life. It's not necessary that you all go out and form chapters of what Chesterton called "The Regular Guys and Sons of Service and Uplift". Nor is it required that every hall copy "The Sorin Hall Temperance Union and Branding Society". But it does seem quite necessary that, in line with Mr. Dawson's statement, we should raise a question or two about the impression some are making on non-Christians or non-Catholics or Catholics who are trying to make a living in this vale of tears. I refer to the underclassmen (and some upperclassmen) who imagine themselves as rakish, long-eared rabbits and with carefully bent coat-hanger

invades campus phone booths to romance the bunny back home. I refer also to the upperclassmen who might be planning their plant interviews with an eye to padded expense accounts calculated to cover the cost of Easter in Florida or skiing at Cadillac.

TO BOTH GROUPS, a review of some principles of commutative justice seems in order. Let's take the latter first. Four rules should govern those taking interviews. 1) You have no right to the money consumed by a plant interview, if you are going into your father's business or on to Grad School; 2) Plant interviews taken in good faith may be charged against the company, but the charges must be legitimate ones pertaining to the trip. 3) If on one trip you visit two or more plants, companies expect you to prorate your expenses just as you divide your interest. 4) You defraud a company, if you accept expense money after concealing the fact that you must enter the Service soon after graduation.

NOW THE FORMER. Here the rule is simple and obvious. Commutative justice requires that you pay for the service Mr. Indiana Bell renders. If it is true that a coat hanger can be used as a device for tripping the coin bell in the phone-box, to use such a wire or lend it to another would oblige one to restitution. A couple of rules to remember are these. 1) If you have the intention of repeating the offense so that the company is deprived of a large sum, a grave sin may be committed. 2) If the calls are repeated frequently, obviously the thefts automatically add up to make a grave sum either because restitution is not being made or because the intervals between the calls is short. 3) If room-mates use one same wire between them, even though individually their fraud may amount to little, still the aggregate may be large.

LIVE THE CHRISTIAN LIFE!

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