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THE 10th ANNUAL Catholic Bishops' Thanksgiving Clothing Collection gets under way this week-end. You can do your part by placing clothing you've outgrown in the boxes set out by the Student Senate Spiritual Commissioner in each of the halls. The articles of used clothing will be packaged and shipped to Catholic Relief Services in New York, and from there distributed to the needy throughout the world.

● THERE ARE MEMBERSHIP cards for those who wish to join the Confraternity of Our Lady of Lourdes in the pamphlet room in Dillon Hall. Water from the spring at Lourdes can be had by stopping at the Confraternity office in the Parish House just above the Grotto. It is customary to make an offering when requesting Lourdes water.

● THERE WILL BE A closed retreat for students conducted at the Fatima Retreat House here on the campus during February. However, if there is a sufficient number of students interested in making such a retreat before Christmas, it would also be possible to arrange a Retreat, December 7-10. Names may be left at the office of the Prefect of Religion in Dillon Hall.

● CONFESSIONS will be heard as usual on Saturday night in Sacred Heart Church between 6:00 and 8:30 P.M. Four confessors will be on duty to afford an opportunity for confession before the Thanksgiving trek homeward.

SINCERE THANKS to the student who sent \$3 for the Holy Cross Missions "in thanksgiving for a favor granted by the Immaculate Conception". When making up your Christmas list, you might keep the Missions in mind. The Prefect of Religion has a

number of other requests for charity, in the event you may be looking for a worthy little cause to help along at this time of year.

● November 25th, REMEMBER, is the birthday of our Holy Father, Pope John XXIII. In keeping with his request that we aid him with our prayers, attend Mass for his intention on Tuesday. The 5:10 Mass will be offered for His Holiness.

● November 26th, REMEMBER, is the birthday of the University. Born in 1842, it was on November 26 that Father Sorin knelt beside a spot called "St. Mary's of the Lakes". After rechristening it "Notre Dame du Lac", he consecrated himself and his confreres to the Blessed Virgin.

● YOUR PRAYERS have been requested for the following:

DECEASED: Friend of Fred De Rocher of Pangborn (lost on the Carl D. Bradley); friend of Neil Frampton of Howard; grandmother of John Magee of Dillon.


ILL: Father of George Disco of Morrissey; friend of John Fischer, Jr.; father of Joseph Maguire of the English Dept.; friend of Tim Ryan of Dillon. And one special intention.

● THE SPIRITUAL BOUQUET for Cardinal-Designate John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., the founder of the Religious Bulletin, is mounting, and at present consists of 6,167 Masses Heard, 5,780 Communions, and 5,021 Rosaries. At least one hall has not yet reported. The new Cardinal, during his years as Prefect of Religion, did much to establish the tradition of frequent Communion at Notre Dame.

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JUST ABOUT every radio commercial these days reminds us that winter is on its way. Hereabouts, some winters are severe enough indeed to give the impression we're back in the ice age. And those who attended the rally last night heard Father Broestl very candidly point out some of the hazards of those days. The local version of the ice age has its hazards, too. And I'm concerned with one of them right now.

OUT WITH THE ICE AGE, went the idea that a parka is a safe hiding-place for a six-pack. And I doubt seriously that one could ever get away with carrying a fifty-pound cake of ice to his room on the pretext of doing practice-sculpture. And so far as I can tell, Gilberts' don't seem to be pushing anything in "the natural look" that boasts a built-in holster for holiday spirits.

YET, chances are that a few will be inclined, either before or during the holiday season, to breach convention and common sense and get themselves in trouble, either here or at home. I'm not suggesting that any of you will go so far as to get yourself escorted to the portals as "undesirable". And certainly no one is going to be quoted as saying, when called to task (as one American Catholic was quoted in the secular press this week) "I happen to be a Catholic, but I'm going to change my religion."

IT'S WELL at this time to recall a few points about imbibing. First of all, that oft-practiced sport called the drinking-bout is such as to expose both participants to the sin of drunkenness.

Sins committed while one is intoxicated, if not foreseen are not, obviously, imputable. However, if one knows from previous experience what is likely to happen, then his actions committed while intoxicated will be morally imputable.

WHAT ABOUT sins of the tongue committed while one is intoxicated? Obscene speech would be scandalous to others, and thus its guilt will be grave or light according as it was foreseen. Contumely, however, is usually not sinful since the one hearing it coming from one who is intoxicated does not regard it seriously. Blasphemy by one who is intoxicated is probably not sinful--provided there is no scandal--because it does not dishonor God in fact and is inadvertent and mechanical. But any one of you is welcome to try to convince me that there would not be some scandal involved in these instances. As I say, you can try.

AFTER "THE BALL" is over, there are sure to be other evidences of one's breach of common sense. In addition to a lost lunch or two, one may find he has neglected his Sunday obligation or his work. He may find that his manners have worsened. And he may come to feel there is more truth than fiction in the picture of the man on the contemporary card who is seen using an electric razor on his tongue.

THE MAN WHO HAS EVERYTHING could probably do with an increase of temperance, as the holidays approach. Help him by your example whether it be right here on the bend of the St. Joe, at the Chicago Club dance in the Sherman, or at the Ivy Jazz Band Ball in the Roosevelt. The only instance I know of where intoxication proved a blessing was the time the officer took charge of the young man who was walking unsteadily, one foot on the walk and other in the gutter. "You're drunk!" said the officer. "Thank heaven", said the boy, "I thought I was crippled!" But that's not much of a blessing.

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