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BELOW ARE REPRINTED THE PARTICULARS OF THE LENTEN DISPENSATION THAT OBTAINS HERE AT NOTRE DAME.

● **LENT MEANS PRAYER AND PENANCE.** It is a season of grace and spiritual progress, provided we also make it a time of personal sacrifice and self-denial for the love of Christ. Let us not be satisfied with anything less. **LENT BEGINS** on Wednesday, March 2nd, and ends at midnight of the Vigil of Easter, April 16th. Here at Notre Dame, **COMPLETE ABSTINENCE** must be observed on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays. On these days, meat, and anything made from meat, is prohibited. On the other days of Lent, the students, faculty, employees, residents, and visitors, when eating on campus, in Vetville, or at the Morris Inn, are dispensed from the general law of fast and abstinence. Note, however, that we may avail ourselves of this dispensation only if we substitute attendance at Mass or Lenten services, or practice acts of voluntary self-denial such as abstinence from alcoholic beverages or worldly amusements. Those campus residents who eat downtown on occasion may eat meat at a principal meal once daily. The off-campus student also is dispensed from the general law of fast and abstinence. His dispensation holds as long as he is eating in the South Bend locality, and it extends also to his wife and children. The off-campus student must guard against giving scandal by eating between meals in South Bend, where other Catholics are observing the general law of fast and abstinence. The off-campus student, just as the campus resident, has the obligation to substitute some other form of prayer and penance for the fast and abstinence.

● **SUNDRY SUNDAY MISERIES:**

1. Late-comers at Sunday Mass. It is a venial sin to arrive late for Sunday Mass. These Sunday delinquents seem to offend God Sunday after Sunday.

2. Early departees from Sunday Mass. Whoever leaves Sunday Mass at Communion time is guilty of a venial sin, unless he has a reasonable excuse. And there would seem to be few, if any, with a reasonable excuse. The prayers at the end of Mass, remember, are for the conversion of Russia!

3. The 12:15 Hold-outs. If they have a difficult confession to make, the continued delay is not going to help matters any.

● **SORROWFUL MOTHER NOVENA IN SACRED HEART CHURCH TONIGHT AT 6:45.**

● **TOMORROW, the Feast of St Joseph is Catholic Father's Day.** No better time to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion for your father. Do this in gratitude for all he has done for you. And write and tell him you've done so.

● **PRAYERS. Deceased:** Robert L. Oare; Jay Bachner of Alumni; friend of John Parry, '49; father of Theodore P. Jochems, '40; uncle of John Dabrowski of Breen-Phillips; friend of Jim Peterschmidt of Keenan; grandmother of Phil Ryan of Cavanaugh. Ill: Father of Phil Greeley of Pangborn; grandfather of Jim Mark of Morrissey; parents of Ralph, '39, and James Mazar, '47; Jack Robinson, '35 (former All-American center; leg amputated).



ROBERT L. OARE



JOHN (JAY) BACHNER

YESTERDAY'S PLANE CRASH near Tell City, Indiana, took the lives of a member of the University's Board of Lay Trustees and an engineering student from River Forest, Illinois and Alumni Hall.

Mr. Oare was serving as Vice Chairman of the Board of Lay Trustees here at the University and was active in many business and charitable activities in South Bend. His loss to the University is a great one, and our debt to him can only be paid by remembering him often in our prayers.

Jay Bachner had been to Mass every day during this Lenten season. He would have graduated in June, 1961, and was a combination AB-Engineering student. His death is the third to befall the present senior class since January.

It is never easy to adjust to a tragedy. And when the tragedy is two-fold, it is doubly difficult. We are much more fortunate, however, than some. For we not only have the consolation of knowing that a soul in the state of grace

will soon see God, but that many will benefit from the occasion by taking the occasion to return to the state of grace.

The newspaper reported that among the wreckage was a prayerbook opened to the Litany of Our Blessed Mother: "Lord have mercy...Christ have mercy." And such is our prayer for our own and all the victims of the crash.

That the crash occurred when many were celebrating the feast of St. Patrick is significant, I think. And I say this because the feast prompted Father Barry to recite a little Irish prayer after the 11:30 Mass yesterday. It was a prayer that is most appropriate today.

And may the blessing of the Earth be on you -- the great round earth; may you ever have a kindly greeting for them you pass as you're going along the roads. May the earth be soft under you when you rest upon it, tired at the end of the day, and may it rest easy over you when, at the last, you lay out under it; may it rest so lightly over you, that your soul may be out from under it quickly, and up, and off, and on its way to God.

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