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LOOK FOR AN INCREASE IN ATTENDANCE AT DAILY MASS DURING ADVENT. Seniors come down to earth about this time and start taking a more realistic approach to what lies ahead of them in just a matter of months. Some Juniors, it's true, still insist on asking for trouble and put off that long-promised return to the Sacraments "for one more day". Others provide encouraging signs, though. Sophomores seem finally to have found the chapels on their side of campus. And in the Freshman halls, all but one have had consistently good attendance at daily Mass. Ever since September, the 5:10 Mass has been well attended--at times, even crowded. So let's hope the increased attendance is not concentrated there. The chapel in your own hall can accomodate you early in the morning. And the late morning Masses in Sacred Heart Church can accomodate many more, too. So, if you have a free period at 9:30 or 10:30 or 11:30, try to attend Mass then. Confessions are heard at all of these Masses. True, at the 5:10 Mass there are four confessors, but remember, too, that the lines are longer then than they are in the morning. Where or when you attend Mass is not as important as that you attend.

- LAST SPRING, when we asked how many students were frequent communicants (meaning weekly or oftener) 75.8% of the present Senior class answered they were. 78.8% of the present Junior class said they were. 79.7% of the present Sophomore class said they were. But, is this so much to boast of when we consider how easy it is here to receive Holy Communion daily?


- THE HALL SPIRITUAL COMMISSIONERS are asked to make a final check of the boxes used for the Clothing Drive. The boxes and clothing should be delivered to Brother Boniface in Sacred Heart Church this evening.

- WITH THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY a thing of the past, you may find yourself inclining more and more to the position of one writer who said: "Most Americans want to be cultivated. But only comfortably cultivated. They dabble with the intellectual just enough to avoid being lowbrow and escape being highbrow. Middlebrowism looks like cultivation because it is so clearly superior to vulgarity, but.....It merely dresses and domesticates the commonplace."

- THE NOVENA FOR PARENTS BEGINS ONE WEEK FROM TODAY. We want no under-privileged parents this Christmas. Be sure that you make the Novena for your parents and send them one of the cards that can be obtained from your Prefect.

- AND SPEAKING OF CARDS. Christmas cards are still on sale at Moreau Seminary. The Missions benefit from this sale. So, stop by over there and pick up a couple of boxes. And while you're there, take the opportunity to see what the inside of a seminary looks like.

- PRAYERS. Deceased: Grandfather of Brian Kennedy of Dillon; father of James Jordan, '59; George H. Tremel; Joseph T. Norris, '43; John V. Walsh, '00; J. Alvin Dreiling; friend of Emmett Sharkey of Walsh. Ill: Father of David Shepley of Dillon; Ed Nebel, '60; Richard Mack of Morrissey; Martino Fagginoi of Breen-Phillips.



HISTORIANS OF THE FUTURE may define the student of the 60's as a fellow who could truthfully say his college days were a riot. Today in Nigeria, yesterday in Venezuela, last week in .....

BUT there's already been enough said about that.

THERE'S JUST ONE THING I'd like to add. It's been overlooked, I think. When you have grievances, and let's not deny that you may have them again or still, remember that few things are accomplished by disorder or confusion. When affairs at home aren't quite right, you don't go around shouting about it to the neighbors. You sit down and talk it over in a family conclave. In this family of ours, the hall rectors assume a role similar to the role of the head of the household. Work through him. Don't send a couple of students out to smear up the walks with painted suggestions. (The two painters could have a falling-out and involve you in their property-defacing project.) Don't join a group of forty or fifty plotters who are sure to end up feeling ashamed of themselves.

FOR A LONG TIME hereabouts the Rectors have been doing a pretty good job of looking after the common good of the students. They are guided by the following statement:

A Catholic University is a society composed of faculty and students whose primary purpose is the pursuit of Christian wisdom. It has, therefore, the responsibility of ensuring to all the minimum peace and good order necessary for the attainment of this ideal. As a residence University it shares, furthermore, the responsibility of parents and of the Church for the moral and spiritual formation of its students.

To fulfill this twofold responsibility, the University enacts certain regulations designed to protect the common good of the group, and to make as remote as possible the influences detrimental to the intellectual and spiritual development of the student.

On the part of the student is expected an understanding of these aims and the necessary self-discipline to conform to these regulations. The definition of a fully educated man is one who knows what God wants and has the discipline to do it. The words of Our Lord: "If any man has a mind to come My way, let him renounce himself and take up his cross, and follow Me." (Matt. xvi, 24), imply that the basic disposition of the Christian is self-denial or self-discipline. The discipline imposed by the University is meant to be an aid to this self-discipline. If understood in this spirit, these regulations, though at times irksome, will fulfill their purpose: to encourage Notre Dame men to achieve the full measure of Christian manhood.

TAKE UP WITH HIM the problems you feel are keeping you from doing the work you're here to do. He will help you to see all the sides of a problem and the consequences of the action you propose to take.

SOME OF THE GREAT PRIESTS hereabouts have been men who spent long years as hall rectors. The present generation of students has been blessed with just as capable priests.

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