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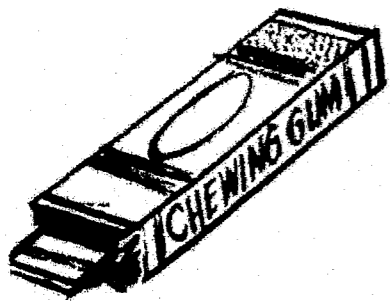
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TONIGHT

This evening at 7:00 o'clock, forty sophomores will begin a closed retreat at Moreau Seminary. Next week, the

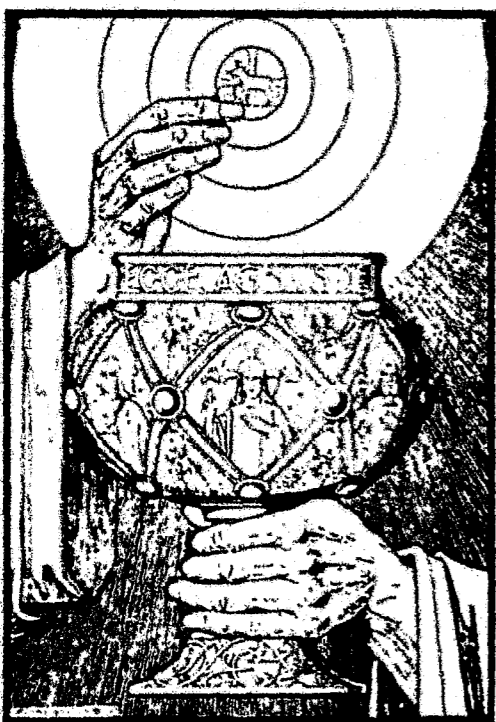
Freshmen will have their opportunity. On this occasion we are reminded of some words of Msgr. Knox in his Retreat for Lay People, so we print them here. May those on retreat find each morning hereafter the sort of rebirth of which he speaks.

Almighty God has given us, for the ordering of our lives, an alternation of day and night. . . . The day by its brightness typifies His glory, the night by its darkness recalls to us the profundity of His mysterious being. And each day, as it were, waves its greeting to the last, bids us pick up our interrupted works, renew our plans, our hopes, our anxieties. Man goes forth to his work and to his labour until the evening; then night comes, and with a kindly smile bids us put away all the toys we poor mortals make such a fuss over; shuts our books for us, hides our distractions from us, draws a great black coverlet over our lives. . . . As the darkness closes around us, we go through a dress rehearsal of death; and the soul wanders off into that unreal country where it can neither sin nor merit, can neither miss nor grasp opportunities. And then morning comes, and with morning, a rebirth.



The question keeps recurring: May one chew gum before receiving Holy Communion? The answer is that there are some theologians who maintain that the small amount of flavoring in new gum is lost in the saliva, and so does not break the fast. It would be different, however, if the gum was candy-coated. Chiclets, would be an example. To chew this kind of gum during the three hours before

receiving Holy Communion would result in breaking the fast. Old gum from which sugar or flavoring can no longer be extracted may be chewed at any time before receiving Holy Communion.




Another question: If it so happens that when Communion time comes, the three full hours of the Eucharistic fast have not yet passed, must one refrain from receiving Holy Communion? The answer is Yes. One must refrain or wait until he can say that three hours have passed since he last took solid food or alcoholic beverages. The same care must be taken regarding the one hour fast from other beverages than alcohol. It's best to allow oneself sufficient time so that close figuring will not be necessary.

N.D.S.M.

There will be a meeting of all who are interested in joining the Notre Dame Society of Mary, at 8:30 Sunday evening, February 18th, in Room 2B of the Student Center.

IN YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for the following. Deceased: Grandmother of Bill Hergenrother of Walsh. Ill: Brother of Frank Duffy of Alumni; uncle of Dennis Bonnette, Off-Campus.



"The reds are knocking themselves out selling Communism, and you, who call yourselves Christians, some of you act as if you couldn't care less about making the Gospel known." This is simply another way of putting what Our Lord said when He observed one day, "The children of this world are in relation to their own generation more prudent than are the children of the light." Some are honest enough to admit that they couldn't care less about making the Gospel known. Still, others aren't. And they go along day after day, never stopping to ask if they are being honest with themselves, never facing up to the fact that no one of us was dispensed from the mandate to live the Christian life when Christ commanded: "Go and make disciples of all nations....teach them to observe all that I have commanded you."

It's true, we aren't going to convert others to the Faith without the help of God's grace and the convert's own free choice, but we should be extending the invitation to others by our example. We should be knocking ourselves out encouraging one another to set a better example.

During the next couple of weeks, the Church will urge us to start preparing for Lent. For some this will require greater honesty with self. For others it will mean climbing off the heights to which they ascend on Friday or Saturday night. But for all it must be a period of religious education and spiritual self-discipline.

