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*Rejoice, insofar as you share Christ's sufferings.
When his glory is revealed you will rejoice exultantly.
Happy are you when you are insulted for the sake of Christ,
for then God's Spirit in its glory has come to rest on you.*

1Pt 4:13-14

A Call to Ministry

What we have been asked to do in this life might be compared to this:

On a certain day the greatest artist that ever lived has agreed to conduct a workshop for us to teach us some of his skills. Each of us is given a smock and a palette, brushes and paints. And we watch from our easel as the master demonstrates from his own canvas the lines and strokes and designs that he wants us to try on our own canvas. He walks among us, looking over our shoulder to see how we are doing and what we have learned. Some of us are doing pretty well. Some of us not. But we are there and he tells us what to do.

When we come back to the room after a break we find that our canvases have all been removed. There is but the one canvas of the master in the front. We sit in awe as he begins to put his touch on the canvas, lines, strokes and colorful designs. We are watching a genuine masterpiece in the making and it is beautiful. But suddenly the master stops his work, unfinished. He takes his brush and he begins to walk among us. He is looking for someone to continue the work that he has left undone. He walks among us, remembering what he had taught us and how well we had learned it. There must be some who can continue the masterpiece he has started. And he comes to you! He gives you his brush and asks you to go to the front. Nervous, skeptical and a little embarrassed you dip your brush in the paint and reach for the canvas only to realize that the hand of the master is gently holding and guiding your hand. Your first few strokes... It doesn't look bad at all. You haven't ruined it. And with the hand of the master continuing to guide yours you become involved in the work. And as you step back to look again, you notice that the hand of the master has moved on to help someone else.

You are on your own. And probably have been for sometime. The Master is confident that each of us has within ourselves the ability to do His work. If only we could realize ourselves. And do it.

- (Rev.) Steve Gibson, C.S.C.
Campus Ministry & Rector, Carroll Hall

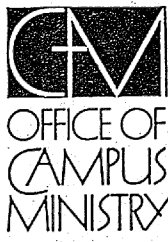
Campus Ministry Today and Tomorrow

Campus Ministry organizes worship, preaching, and the sacramental ministry in Sacred Heart Church and at Universitywide celebrations. Our office provides the support programs and continuing education related to these ministries in our undergraduate and graduate residences.

Campus Ministry staffs the catechetical programs related to preparation for Christian Initiation, for Reception and Full Communion, for Confirmation, as well as for Pre-Cana. We started an educational program in basic Catholic Faith Sharing, and we provide a wide variety of retreat programs with a specific emphasis on dorm retreats. Our staff provides chaplains to Notre Dame's many athletic teams, campus organizations, and the University's faculty and staff. In addition, we are available for counseling and spiritual direction.

Our future planning for "tomorrow" will include a program in "remote preparation" for the Sacrament of Marriage which we would like to make available to all our students. We would like to treat such issues as social life, a Christian approach to human sexuality, changing roles in marriage, and a Catholic theology of marriage. We plan to greatly expand our role in religious education by offering a wide variety of non-credit mini-courses about Catholic Christianity, prayer, lay spirituality, Bible study, moral decision-making, and social justice. Campus Ministry hopes to prepare media "spots" for prayer and reflection on our local radio and TV stations. In all these programs we welcome the advice and support of Notre Dame's Alumni Family.

- (Rev.) Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C.
Director of Campus Ministry
Rector of Sacred Heart Church



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by Fr. Francis E. Gartland, C.S.C.

Best news I've heard in ages (joyous like Easter)! Notre Dame is resurrecting its famous Religious Bulletin, the most palatable one-a-day spiritual vitamin ever compounded for college students. Begun in 1921 it was a single-sheet, 8 1/2 by 11 mimeographed message from Fr. John O'Hara, Prefect of Religion, to the student body written in his colloquial style salted with wisdom, and, tempered with wise cracks, and uplift based on the mind of Christ. Published daily except Sunday, it was posted in 11 dorms.

It was born by accident, or rather by God's providence. During the annual mission in Sacred Heart Church which opened the school year, a few lost articles were found in the pews, a raincoat, some keys. Fr. O'Hara got out a notice they could be picked up at his office. He added a couple of announcements: "Get yourselves to church on time. There'll be plenty of confessors: Frs. Steiner, Doremus, Healy, Albertson (Friar Tuck) and myself too. It rained last night. Wipe your feet in the vestibule. Inside wipe your soul."

In the 30's, a copy of the bulletin was slipped under every student's door. Informally it was referred to as "letter from God" and many a note home or to girlfriend was scrawled on its blank backside. Soon other colleges and nearly every Catholic high school in the country wanted a copy. By the time I inherited it from Fr. John Cavanaugh in February 1938 it had a circulation of 18,000. Much quoted, it grew into a national apostolate.

You'd understand the magic of the Bulletin better if you knew its creator. John O'Hara holed up in 141 Sorin Hall, a powerful magnet. Nightly a line-up of students sat on the floor outside his room waiting to see him. As you sat in the old morris chair facing your favorite guru, his eyes pierced but didn't threaten you; his grin cheered you, his personal interest gave you confidence. You could share anything with him. You were homesick, lovesick, immature. Quickly he unkinked your mind, grasped still to your will, evaporated sin if there were any. He was the Cure d'Ars and Don Bosco in one. He was in the business of face-to-face reconciliation fifty years ahead of Vatican II! All hail the return of the Notre Dame Religious Bulletin.

(Fr. Gartland, '33, kept writing bulletins 26 years for O.S.B., Catholic Boy, and Quest ((King's College)). At 73 he lives with CSC's at 325 Arthur Avenue, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931; 305-783-1529.)

From a '84 Graduate...

Still in the middle of unpacking my four years' worth of accumulated treasures, I find myself reflecting on the changes I have experienced here at Notre Dame. I am not the same person I was when I entered the main gate four years ago.

Like most freshmen, I was unsure of my major and I was very homesick. During those difficult months one element of my new surroundings really struck me: The emphasis people here placed on community service. I lived in Lewis Hall, and our rector (Moira Baker) made significant efforts to keep us aware of the needs of others in the community. We did volunteer work at places such as Logan Center. Over the spring break when most students were in Florida, she organized a trip to Appalachia to work with the poor.

As the years went by, I experienced this call to service in many other areas of Notre Dame life, and came to realize that in order for my classroom learning to be meaningful it must apply also to my everyday life. For me, I saw that one response to this call to service, a call to emulate Christ in the entering of a volunteer program such as the Holy Cross Associates.

My decision to enter Holy Cross Associates reflects the way in which my four years at Notre Dame has affected my life. From my first months here up until the commencement address by Peace Corps Director Loret Ruppe, Notre Dame has represented a call for individuals to be socially aware and willing to serve others in the human community.

Mary Ann Zurcher
Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Faithful By The Number

During the past year, there were:

188 Scheduled masses every week

22 Celebrated full communion

41 Infant baptisms

19 Confirmed

500 Took part in retreats

600 Eucharistic Ministers went through the E.M. workshops

Alumni Reunion Liturgies

Friday, June 1, 5:00 p.m. - Mass at Grotto

Saturday, June 2, 5:00 p.m. - Mass at Sacred Heart Church.

Summer Liturgical Schedule

Sunday Masses

Main Church 5:15 p.m. (Saturday), *9:00 a.m.,
10:30 a.m.
Crypt 6:00 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,
10:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Main Church 11:30 a.m., *5:15 p.m.
Crypt 6:30 a.m. (Mon.-Sat.),
5:30 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Main Church *11:15 a.m. (Mon.-Sat.)
*5:00 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.)
Crypt 4:00-5:00 p.m. (Sat. only)

Rosary

Grotto 6:45 p.m. (Daily)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Lady Chapel 12 noon-5:00 p.m. (First Fridays)

*During the Summer Session of the University