The Novena.

The Novena to Our Lady of the Rosary began yesterday morning. Add the following intentions to those already announced:

- The cure of an affliction.
- A deceased cousin.
- A friend lately deceased.
- Three special intentions:
  - O'Mara's mother, injured in an auto accident.
  - Two conversions.

This Novena consists of daily Communion and the recitation of one decade of the beads (at least) for the nine days. Place your own intentions in the contribution box at the pamphlet rack. The intentions listed for the first Novena carry over into this one.

Non-Catholics.

The instruction class for non-Catholics will be held in room 117 Main Building at 7:00 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays. The intention of this class is to inform non-Catholic students of the principal truths of the Catholic religion and to give them instructions in the moral obligations which bind every one. They incur no obligation by entering the class; and the information they receive will enable them to answer the questions of their friends when they return home.

To Avoid Sacrilege.

Students who plan to commit mortal sin in connection with Homecoming—or in connection with anything else—are asked to refrain from receiving the Sacraments until their mind undergoes a change. If you have ordered liquor for such an occasion you have practically accepted drunkenness instead of God, and you cannot be a friend of God and His enemy at the same time. You have chosen. Do not sacrilege to your other sins.

One word more. God loves the sinner who is weak under strong temptation; but for sin that is deliberately planned, contrition, true contrition, the kind that wipes out sin, comes with difficulty. It is a grace, and one must be worthy of grace.

Lock the Doors.

Coming late to Mass has again become an abuse. Those who came late to the 6:30 Mass last Sunday were bound in conscience to return for another Mass. Few seemed to recognize the obligation. This obligation binds under venial sin if the part missed is slight, and under mortal sin if the part missed is notable. Don't force the prefects to lock the door to remind you of your obligation.

The Saturday Night.

Last Saturday evening the students remained on the campus. On Sunday morning there was a large increase in the number of Communions. One inference is quite obvious. If you feel that you cannot receive Holy Communion after an evening in the city, stay away from the city until you have trained your character a little better.

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