Who Won The Game?

It is reported from St. Mary's that the Minims of that institution spent an hour in prayer Saturday afternoon before the game. When they came out of the chapel they were told that the score was 3-0 for Tech. With their busted knees they went right at it again, and stayed in the chapel till the game was over. If they didn't win the game, they certainly had something to do with the fact that Notre Dame did not take time out once.

Vote.

Twenty-two million eligible voters failed to cast their ballots in the last presidential election. This means minority rule with a vengeance. The Catholic Church demands good citizenship of its members, and the vote-slacker is not a good citizen. Vote, if you are entitled to vote!

Vote Your Convictions.

It is a sin to vote contrary to your convictions, and the sin is light or grave according to the importance of the matter and the importance of your support. If your conscience dictates that you read The American Mercury, your conscience should give your vote to the Ku Klux Klan. The purpose of the two institutions is exactly the same: the undermining of lawfully constituted authority.

The Black Plague.

The deadliest scourge in the history of medicine has made its appearance in this country. Los Angeles has the black plague. A plague always gives people a new sense of values. Those who scoff at God and His Church lose much of their energy in scoffing when Death comes close.

The intense importance of Saturday night dancing, of immoral literature, of filthy talk, of drunken licentiousness, of jazz and gin, wanes and grows dim when the sweat of death appears on the brow. It is in the presence of death that one begins to realize what Our Blessed Lord meant when He said: "What shall it profit a man to gain the whole world if he suffer the loss of his soul?"

Help Against the Plague.

St. Charles Borromeo, today's saint, was the comfort of Milan when the plague devastated that city in the sixteenth century. He spent his days and nights with the sick, and went through the streets giving Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on the street corners. A wealthy and frivolous noble, he turned to God so completely that he wore himself out in the service of God before he was fifty.

Pray to St. Charles and to St. Roch, protector against contagious diseases, that Los Angeles and the rest of the country may be spared. You will find the medal of St. Roch at the pamphlet rack. Wear one.

Prayers.

David Stanton asks prayers for his father, who died Saturday. Tom McNicholas also asks prayers for his father, who died a few days ago. Also remember Father Brualla, of Los Angeles, who died of the plague while ministering to his parishioners.

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