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Four More Days.

Wednesday, Thursday Friday and Saturday remain before Trinity Sunday closes the time for the Easter Duty. It is bad enough to live apart from God, without adding the agony of living apart from the Church.

(Students are urged to storm heaven with prayers this week for the grace to overcome the evil and timidity that keep people from confession. Such charity carries a rich reward.)

The Survey Abroad.

Comment on the Survey Report is still coming in. Four religious orders, the Redemptorists, the Capuchins, the Passionists and the Oblates, report its use in missions, and numberless parish priests are using it for sermon material. The Vigil of Grand Rapids runs a full-column editorial on the Survey in its latest issue. Some extracts from this may help to bring in some questionnaires.

"Certainly no other American College, probably no other in Christendom, has an institution just like the Notre Dame Survey... Let no one raise the cry that this is Notre Dame propaganda. There is no school in America doing more for the rebuilding of sturdy Christian character than this fine school in northern Indiana, and let him who balks at this statement produce a document anything at all like the present one.

...The reader may bear in mind that these expressions (of experiences with frequent Communion) were made freely by college students who belong to the younger generation as truly as the types featured in the so-called 'college novels'....

"Years ago at Notre Dame a student-poet wrote of his alma mater the fine line, 'This might be Athens, here might Athens be,' but perhaps a truer description might be what a later student wrote:

"'Who art in winter or in May-time green,
A City of the living Sacrament.'

"A City of the Blessed Sacrament---what a fitting characterization of this truly Catholic university."

Sophomoritis Comes Early "This Year.

Just when a lot of the senior men are beginning to show signs of sense the bottom drops out of the freshman class. Spiritual stupidity is beginning to make heavy inroads in Carroll, rowson and freshmen halls. If a month of it would produce immunity for the class, there might be some hope for the next year;---but that is probably too much to expect.

What is sophomoritis? A description of it is too insulting to reproduce here.

Prayers.

Prayers are requested for a lady who is very sick, the mother of five little children. Thanks are returned for a favor received through the prayers of the students.

Complaints.

To a freshman: The ve tilition of the church has always been a serious problem. A plan has been suggested to the Prefect of Discipline which he will carry out.

To a senior who wrote: "If you think you can foist a question like No. 5 off on young people you're crazy. This is a protest." ---even we are crazy. The question was suggested by a student, and it has brought excellent results. It has been foisted off!

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