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Make Holy Week Holy.

For a Catholic the most sacred season of the year is Holy Week, because our tenderest love of God is begotten of a consideration of the Passion. It takes a crude specimen of Catholicity to forget his duty to God during this week; it takes a hard heart or a mighty shallow pate to commit sin. Catholics have been known to dance on Holy Thursday and get drunk on Good Friday; may God have pity on them! Make Holy Week holy and beg of God a little of His hatred of sin.

Holy Week at Notre Dame.

The full liturgy of the Church is carried out at Notre Dame during Holy Week. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings, Tenebrae, or the service of darkness, is sung at 7:30. You will have few opportunities during your lifetime to hear this service better rendered than at Notre Dame; make the most of your chance. The music of the Lamentations is exquisite.

Holy Communion may be received during Mass on Thursday and Saturday. On Thursday there are two masses in the church, one at 6:30 and the other at 8:00. There are no masses in the hall chapels. Holy Communion is not distributed on Good Friday. The blessing of the Easter Water, candle, etc., on Saturday morning begins at 6:00; the Mass follows at 7:30.

Every Catholic should try to make the Way of the Cross at least on Good Friday. At Notre Dame this devotion is held in public at three in the afternoon, and is followed by the benediction of the True Cross, a relic of which is preserved in the church.

Students remaining at Notre Dame during the holidays should remember that there is a diocesan law against public dances on Saturday night and Sunday, -- and no matter how much contempt they may have for the laws of the Church, they should at least have common decency enough to refrain from desecration of Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. This remark is made because in the past students have been expelled for such offenses.

General Observations.

Four sums of money have been advertised recently in the Bulletin, and none of them have been claimed.

It is perfectly proper for a boy home from college to be seen in public with his folks.

Drop your questionnaire in the box before you leave. The chances are slim for return after the Easter vacation.

There is no law against coming on time for Mass in your home parish.

Your pastor will be shocked if you fail to receive Holy Communion on Easter Sunday. Call on him before you return -- but wait until after Sunday. He's a busy man this week.

Talk something besides money with your father, and something besides food with your mother.

An Answer.

"A.Y.Z." asks for a summing up of the dope he submits on his questionnaire:

You are right in diagnosing your case as Sophomoritis, but you shy at the real cure, which is spiritual surgery. Even though it hurts you to think, your ideas are sound. You need a spiritual guide, and you will never reach the first mile post until you bring out in broad daylight what you have expressed on the questionnaire. The devil thrives on darkness. Consultation is your first and biggest step in being a man.