Religious Bulletin
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Way Of The Cross Tonight.
The Way of the Cross is held publicly in the church at 7:00 Friday evenings in Lent.

Easter Duty Under Way.
Off-campus students to the number of 377 have received Holy Communion since the opening of the Easter Duty season on the first Sunday in Lent, according to the records in the office of the Prefect of Religion. In addition, 31 Villagers have received at Notre Dame. This is a somewhat better start than usual.

Frozen Piety.
The number of Holy Communions in the basement chapel dropped 37 yesterday from the previous day's figure. There was probably a corresponding drop in the hall chapels, as the number of communicants coming late from the halls to the Sorin chapel was unusually large. What would you do in an endurance test? If your Novena for a Happy Marriage was frozen out yesterday, better start again immediately. You can't start over again if you pick a dud the first time, so get the help of God now to choose wisely and soberly when the time comes.

The Why Of The Pledge.
A summary of reasons for the pledge was put out recently by the Catholic Student Conference on Religious Activities held at Loyola University, Chicago. It follows:

1. Why not? I'm not losing a thing by abstaining. The human system can get along perfectly well without liquors.
2. I'm ahead financially. Bootleg liquor costs money -- lots of it.
3. Because I want to. "No" when liquor is in sight is a declaration of independence; it develops power, grit, determination, character.
4. I don't want to take chances with a crooked sport. World Champion Barleycorn is knocking them out by the millions with his foul tactics. "He biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder."
5. I can help the other fellow who wants to abstain, the fellow who must keep his distance or John Barleycorn will knock him silly.
6. My Church encourages me with many indulgences.
7. My mother and father think it's great. They would not advise me to do differently.
8. I am in good company, in the company of men like John the Baptist, Francis Xavier, Francis Regis, Boniface, Dominic, Josaphat and others, the pride of our race.
9. Jesus and His Blessed Mother smile their approval and give their blessing.
10. I HEAR THE AGONIZING CRY OF MY FRIEND FROM THE CROSS, THE ALTAR, "I THIRST," AND I WANT TO BRING HIM SOME RELIEF.

You Can All Go To Confession Now.
If you have been denied absolution for any sin reserved for absolution to the Bishop, such as getting married by a squire or Protestant minister, or getting a divorce without permission of the Bishop, you can go to confession this year and be absolved by any priest without delay. Why? Pope Pius XI has declared a Jubilee this year. Details of the Jubilee will be published later, but you can go to confession now.

Prayers.
Philip Prendergast's father has just undergone an operation; Bernard Loshbaugh's mother is quite ill; Mansel Miller has developed pleurisy; Father Steiner has been called home by the grave illness of a sister; an uncle of Wm. Reisert died Wednesday night; an old student asks prayers for a special intention; an uncle of Fr. Doherty died yesterday.