Do You Realize What You've Got?

Yesterday's mail brought a letter strong enough to make a horse think - but not a mule. It comes from one of the most prominent colleges in the country, and it tells its own tale:

"Dear Father: I am writing in hope that you will be able to help me either with advice or with an invitation to come to Notre Dame. I am a junior in ................. I have worked hard to make good there but to no avail. Today I find myself disillusioned and discouraged. The only thing .............. has done for me is to shake and almost shatter my Catholic Faith and to ruin my own self-confidence.

"What I want to do is to come to Notre Dame as a junior and spend two years there. I must have a change, and no place could do so much good for me as Notre Dame. I was ill this summer and could not work, so I have no money. I would be delighted to get the chance to come to your school and do any kind of manual labor to pay my bills. Please tell me what to do, for I am in serious need of advice and aid."

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Have you ever heard the fable of the dog in the manger? If you are lucky enough to be at Notre Dame in the place this boy would like to fill, and if you are not making use of the opportunities God gives you here, go hire a mule to do his duty by you.

Here is an urgent intention for your Novena to the Little Flower. Pray that this boy will be able to make the change he desires, and that he will be with us next semester.

The Masses Tomorrow.

6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00. Off-campus students must attend the 8:00 Mass unless excused by their Director. The 9:00 Mass is a high Mass. Confessions are heard at all Masses, but the opportunity for confession will be somewhat limited, as there is no sermon scheduled for the Masses tomorrow. Confessions tonight in the basement chapel after supper.

The Sorin Chapel Sunday Mornings.

Although the Sorin Hall chapel is attended for confession and Holy Communion all morning on week-days, this schedule is maintained on Sundays only from 7:15 till 3:15. This is intended as a convenience for those who come late for the 7:00 and 8:00 Masses, and for those who wish to receive Holy Communion before breakfast and wait until 9:00 for Mass.

Don't Hurry Worries.

Several invitations to consultation have been issued this week. Some of the cases that have come in response to the invitations have been of such character that they would land their victims in a penitentiary if they were nursed along alone.

The invitation is repeated: If you have a worry that doesn't settle itself within twenty-four hours, tell a priest about it. You will find then that it vanishes into thin air. You can't study properly if your mind isn't clear; you can't sleep if it gets too bad. Spill it and it's gone.

Prayers.

A. J. McCormick, a student last year, lost his mother a few days ago. Francis Tomasi was called home yesterday by the death of his mother. Joe then, '26 asks prayers for his eldest sister, who is desperately ill, with slight chance of recovery. Tom Cashill's father is very ill. Five special intentions.