Notre Dame's Urgent Need.

You don't have to be a prophet to foresee something of the important future that lies ahead for Notre Dame. Only recently impartial Catholic thinkers like Monsignor Sheen and Arnold Lunn have noted the singular opportunity that we enjoy here.

You sense that opportunity yourself. You can't miss it.

If you understand anything at all of the history of Notre Dame, you know that through poverty and depression she has marched on, almost miraculously. In the numerous new buildings and in the ever-widening campus you see visible proofs of phenomenal growth here under God.

Geographically, Notre Dame is almost perfectly located at the center of activity in the United States. More than that, she enjoys a place all her own in the hearts of Catholics (and of thousands of non-Catholics, too) the country over.

God seems to bless Notre Dame yearly with an exceptional group of students. You are impressed again and again that here one finds the finest companions in the world.

You who are animated by the Notre Dame spirit know its special force, realize that it must be destined to play a leading part in any Catholic advance in America. That Woman on the Dome is the foresworn enemy of error and malice, and she must head the Catholic offensive against the formidable isms of the day.

Look forward for the next ten or twenty years and ask yourself what part this University, Notre Dame, must play in Mary's modern apostolate.

You have often considered the material and financial needs of Notre Dame—endowments, scholarships, this chair, that building.

Now take to heart another need far more basic: Notre Dame needs more vocations to the priesthood from among her own students.

You who live together in the halls know student difficulties, student points of view, student likes and dislikes, as no one else can ever know them. That sure, intimate, personal knowledge is invaluable in the practical and theoretical work of the priest at Notre Dame.

From among a student body of nearly 3000, there should certainly be more than a dozen boys every year who see that the apostolate at Notre Dame is one of the richest and most attractive in the world.

There should certainly be a dozen who would like to share as holy, courageous, brainy priests in further developing this University. Suppose that each year for the next ten years a dozen earnest, talented students would give their lives to this work, how much better Notre Dame could fulfill her highly significant destiny.

Notre Dame may not be all that you think she ought to be; but if you have a passion to help her, don't turn your back and run away.

Think it over, you who really love Notre Dame and who have any inclination to enter the priesthood. Come in and talk it over in private. Your views will be respected. Your suggestions will be appreciated.

You alone, the students, can supply this one, most urgent need of Notre Dame.

PRAYERS: (deceased) friend of Russell Schultz (Ol.In.). Ill, mother of John Beer, grandfather of Dick Fitzgerald; father of Anthony Pugliese, '34

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