Note: 117 attended 5 o'clock University of Notre Dame Benediction Wednesday... 

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First Friday Tomorrow.

Start your nine First Fridays tomorrow. If you can't hear the big gong pull the plug on your alarm clock. Or ask your roommate to slap you down--out of bed, that is.

Work in a boiler factory long enough and you get used to the noisy hammers--scarcely hearing them. Same principle applies in the hall. Sleep in often enough and you won't hear the bell when you want to - even for First Friday.

Feast Of The Most Holy Rosary Tomorrow.

An added incentive for receiving Holy Communion. Beginning this noon (12:00) until Friday (midnight) you may gain a plenary indulgence for each and every visit to the main church, provided you say at each visit 6 Our Father's, 6 Hail Mary's and 6 Gloria's for the intentions of the Pope. The plenary indulgences may be applied to the souls in Purgatory.

You should know this: "Those who piously recite a third part of the Rosary (five decades) in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament publicly exposed or even reserved in the tabernacle, may gain a plenary indulgence on condition of confession and Communion." If one is living in the state of grace, Communion alone is the necessary condition.

Believe It Or Not.

When the great Napoleon was at the height of his military power he gave a grand banquet to honor all his generals and their loyal staffs. During the course of the dinner it was proposed that each guest relate the circumstances connected with the happiest day of his life.

When his turn came, Napoleon stood up, waited for the applause to die down, and with tears in his eyes said: "Gentlemen, the happiest day in my life by far was the day of my First Holy Communion."

There are hundreds of Notre Dame students experiencing what for them is the happiest moments of their daily lives. They are frequent communicants. We are not especially interested in statistics or numbers. But we are most anxious to encourage many more to share in the joy and peace of soul which are reflected in the happy dispositions of those who are not afflicted with OCHLOPHOBIA (fear of crowds....around the altar rails in hall chapels).

Holes In Your Theology.

It is not sound theology to think you have to be sinless before frequenting Holy Communion. You must be (1) in the state of grace (free from mortal sin), (2) have a right intention. But you do not have to be free from venial sin. Fervent Holy Communion will effectively help you to overcome habits of venial sin. So plug up that hole in your theology through which many graces escape--never to be offered by God again. Plug up another hole by attending the whole Mass each morning.

You are all Liturgists if you worship God as Catholics. The Liturgy is divine worship. It is the official, public prayer of the Church consisting essentially in the Sacrifice of the Mass, the Sacraments and the Divine Office.