John J. Smith, 50, killed in auto accident. Deceased.

Religious Bulletin

Rev. Fred O'Rourke, Clair...

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Pray for 3 special intentions.

"Chanting Her Glorious Name."

Father Ed Murray, C.S.C., Irish ear to good ol' Irish sod, from the December IRISH CATHOLIC forwards a clipping which the Bulletin quotes for your perusal:

A Mr. Sheehy is commenting on his recent trip to the States. Among many memorable incidents one concerns Notre Dame's loyal New York alumni.

On the Sunday before I sailed home I was at an early Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral. One side of the cathedral was packed with men. They were some of the New York section of the graduates of America's famous Catholic University—Notre Dame.

During the Mass, at which this vast assembly received Holy Communion, a priest mounted the pulpit and read the notices. As he closed the notice book he asked us all to stand. Then with him we all repeated the Legion of Decency pledge, and promised not to lend any support or give any patronage to questionable films or houses which exhibited them.

There was a solemnity about that promise made in God's House. Perhaps it explains why American Catholics keep that promise so strictly that it has a major influence in shaping many of a studio's production plans and in determining the programs selected—and rejected—by many large cinema circuits.

I shall long remember that occasion.

785 Pounds Of Charity.

The Korean clothing drive amounted to 29 cartons weighing 785 pounds. The sum of $140.75 was contributed for Korean medical supplies. Two anonymous donations of $2 and $3, received within last three days, are hereby acknowledged with thanks.

Protestants And The Bible.

According to Dr. John A. Mackay (reported in Time) the Bible is "the supreme authority upon all matters of Christian belief and behavior. . . the chief and permanent medium of the Christian's communion with God."

The Bulletin has not as yet come across apologetic arguments proposed by non-Catholic theologians which satisfactorily explain in what way the Bible is their sole rule of faith. Dr. Mackay forgets that without the intervention of a divine, infallible teaching authority distinct from the Bible, we could never know with divine certainty what books constitute the inspired Scriptures. Nowhere does the Bible imply that it is the only rule of faith. Non-Catholic acceptance of the Bible as the revealed word of God is an indirect tribute to the infallible teaching authority of the Catholic Church.

Novena For Exams.

This begins Saturday. This is one appeal for prayer that rates only a mention. Take care, however, that you do not attempt to combine prayer and cheating, or make your novena not to get caught cheating. You insult God and you nullify your prayers if you ask Him for help and then take help from your neighbor.

Church Unity Octavo.

One week from today, January 18, throughout the Church begins the Church Unity Octavo, an eight days' prayer for the religious unity of the world. Boxes will be placed at Dillon and Cavanaugh pamphlet racks for you to deposit names of non-Catholics for whom you wish the grace of the one true faith. Masses for them will be said.