University of Notre Dame
Religious Bulletin
Solemn Opening of Schoolyear
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Sunday morning at 8:30.

Start Now With Daily Communion.

Everyone has arrived, shaken hands, unpacked -- even gone through the ordeal of meeting professors once. And the chow-line is popping. Everyday here is an investment in your future. Make the most of it. But if you planned to bank $5 each day with expectation of having $100 at the end of 20 days, your expectations would have a rude shock at the end of the 20-day period if you had started 3 days late. Don't wait until after the Mission to start your bank account with God. Your calendar tells you where and when you can go to Confession and receive Holy Communion. And if you come late, remember that Cavanaugh, Howard, and Dillon chapels are waiting for you.

For Freshmen Especially.

The schoolyear formally opens Sunday with a Solemn Mass at 8:30 o'clock in honor of the Holy Ghost. There will be a procession of faculty and the ministers of the Mass from the Administration Building to the Church. All Freshmen are required to attend.

Father Hesburgh, President of the University, will deliver the sermon. Very likely, he will come straight to the point. He will give you an idea or two that may not only enlighten you, but prove invaluable as the months advance. He may give you a notion of Notre Dame that you won't get from the newspapers, or the movies. If you are here for an education; if you are here to get what you should get from Notre Dame, don't miss this opportunity. If you aren't here for that purpose, come anyway -- you may not be with us much longer. Too, you will want to hear the Moreau choir, and witness the splendor of the liturgy, and feel the drama of the pageantry unfolding before you.

At Vassar, it might be "rush week"; at Princeton, it might be "hell week"; at Tufts, it might be "pledge week"; elsewhere it's "Get Organized." But at Notre Dame, you will witness a spectacle of humility -- you will see an entire University on its knees asking God's blessing on the new academic year!

And there will be 4 confessors on the job. Get in line!

Note well -- There will be earlier Masses at 6, 7, and 7:50. There will be later Masses at 10 and 11 for Upperclassmen only.

Mission For Upperclassmen.

The mission for Upperclassmen begins Sunday evening, and continues through Monday and Tuesday evenings, terminating Wednesday morning with the Papal Blessing. This blessing carries with it a Plenary Indulgence. To derive full fruit from the Mission, you should receive Holy Communion every day, at 6:45 in Sacred Heart Church. At each Mission sermon there will be 8 confessors for your convenience. Keep them busy!

Better still, get the drop on the crowd; stop into Howard or Dillon tonight, and avoid the rush that will very likely prevail on Sunday morning, and at the Mission services.

Father Sheedy, the amiable Dean of Arts and Letters, will be the preacher. He will give you something more than a passing burst of emotional thrill; you'll want something you can get your teeth into; and you'll get it. It will then be up to you to put the resolutions to work, with a sound plan of action. Only convictions will enable you to make the Mission last all year. Even here, you can't do it all yourself. You know that the Sacraments will help tremendously.