On one occasion, Cardinal Newman wrote of the Religious Life:

"O that we could take that simple view of things as to feel that the ONE THING that lies before us is to please God! What gain is it to please the world, to please the great -- nay, even to please those whom we love, compared with this? What gain is it to be applauded, admired, courted, followed, compared with this one aim of not being disobedient to a heavenly vision? What can this world offer comparable with that insight into spiritual things, that keen faith, that heavenly peace, that high sanctity, that everlasting righteousness which they enjoy who in sincerity love and follow our Lord Jesus Christ?"

The question sounds very selfish, doesn't it? And yet if it were an unworthy question, Christ would not have answered it so completely, using the very language of bargains:

"I say to you that whosoever shall leave his house, or father, or mother, or brothers, or sisters, or wife, or children, or lands, for My sake, and for the Gospel's sake, shall receive a hundredfold in this life, and eternal life hereafter." (Matt. 19:29)

The Religious Life...

is the topic to be discussed at the Forum On States In Life, Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock in the auditorium of the Nieuwland Hall of Science. The panel will consist of Sister Mary Carmen, C.S.C., Brother Edwin, C.S.C., and Rev. William Robinson, C.S.C. This is your opportunity to obtain a clear understanding of the Religious Life for yourself, your family, your friends.

Novena For Parents Starts Friday.

Get set to start the Novena for Parents on Friday morning. There is no more gracious gesture you could make at Christmas time than this testimonial of devotion. There are few, if any, other things in this world they would prefer.

The Bulletin suggests that in addition to your daily Communion, you keep count of your Rosaries, Visits to the Grotto, the Masses you attend, and the Masses you have offered for them. All these items can later be noted on a distinctive greeting card provided by the Prefect of Religion. You will find these at the pamphlet racks next week in Dillon, Cavanaugh, and Howard Halls. The whole idea of a Christmas Novena for parents helps to keep Christ in Christmas.

Quickies ...

Orchids to the student cheering section for their gentlemanly conduct at the game last Saturday. . . . More orchids to the Knights of Columbus for the turnout last Sunday, and for their cooperation in the "Clothes for Korea" drive. . . . Scallions to the Freshmen who jammed the late Masses last Sunday. . . . First Friday coming up. Remember: you can't all go to confession during Mass that morning!