Last Sunday morning, you looked anything but "real cool" (as they say at Central High), as you sauntered into the 10 and 11 o'clock Masses five, or ten, or even fifteen minutes late, thereby creating a difficult situation for hundreds of Off-Campus men, some of whom must travel many miles to Mass. You live one block away!

Look at it this way: there are 5400 students. We have 6 Masses. The church seats about 850 comfortably. The 2000 (including hundreds of freshmen) who jammed the 11 o'clock Mass, last Sunday, created a public hazard. Had there been a fire, or some other accident, hundreds would have been killed in a wild stampede for the exits.

In September, you were asked to come to the early Masses, and to come on time. The request is quite logical, and reasonable. It stems from the necessity of distributing 5400 men into six parcels. It also stems from the teaching of the Catholic Church that you are bound under pain of sin to attendance at the entire Mass.

Apparently you are a little slow at catching on to a number of things. A check at the Academic office reveals that 885 of you -- no less -- are deficient in your class work. This sort of record can make your stay at Notre Dame & brief one -- very brief!

Next year, -- if you pass the exams and become big Sophomores -- it will be your turn to come to the late Masses. For now, you are asked to come to the 7-8-9, and to be on time, as becomes any Catholic young man conscious of his obligations to God.

Church Unity Octave Starts Monday

A man about to die speaks of things most important to him. And the night before Christ died, He commanded His apostles to preserve unity among themselves and their followers. Our Lord prayed: "Holy Father, keep them in My Name whom Thou hast given Me: that they may be one as We also are ... Not for them only do I pray, but for them also who, through their word, shall believe in Me. That they all may be one, as Thou, Father in Me, and I in Thee: that they also may be one in Us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me." (John, 17: 11-21).

Each year, between the feasts of St. Peter's Chair at Rome and the Conversion of St. Paul (Jan.18-25) the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ, takes up this prayer in a particular way, asking unity for all those who call themselves Christian -- that there may be "One fold and one shepherd."

Here at Notre Dame, we shall observe the Church Unity Octave with Benediction and special prayer, in the Dillon Hall Chapel, at 5:15 each evening. Stop in on your way to supper. It affords a great opportunity for you to strengthen the Mystical Body of Christ in the world. And this is the time to pray for converts.

PRAYERS; Deceased: Mr. Thomas Braniff, member of the Commerce Advisory Council; the mother of Jimmy McGarraghy, Ill: friend of Mike Caliandro of Alumni hall.