

Feast of the Little Flower.

Today is the feast of St. Therese de Lisieux, the Little Flower of Jesus, whose canonization last year was one of the most brilliant ceremonies of the century.

Prayers.

Coad and George LeSage, students here a few years ago, lost their father Saturday. A student asks prayers for his buddy, who is suffering intense pain as a result of a bone-grafting operation for a broken hip -- the second he has had to undergo. Another student asks prayer for a friend who is in bad health, and two students for deceased relatives.

If Gene Were Here.

The column on the sporting page run by the Cox syndicate of Ohio newspapers says:

"Tunney is one of the cleanest of American boys. He does not chew, smoke, drink nor swear. He is not only possessed of a fine religious sentiment, but he is more than a regular church attendant. Every day that it is physically possible, he goes to the altar of his own faith. I intend no irreverence when I say that the ardent Catholics pray to the Saints. Tunney, throughout the years, has prayed for divine guidance, to lead a clean life, to gain in strength of mind and muscle in order to gain his objective. Continued prayer begets faith. Tunney was almost an enigma when he entered the ring. He was calm and self-possessed. There was a great deal of nervousness in the Dempsey corner. Jack was hastily wrapping on his bandages. Tunney took his own time....."

"More than a year ago we asked Tunney what his life's plans were. What he said made such an impression on our consciousness that we think we can repeat it word for word. It was: 'A great while ago I recognized my possibilities in boxing. I had inherited from my mother's side of the family size and strength. I knew that I had a long ways to go, and I never let a day pass without doing something to add to the strength and elasticity of my muscular organism. Even when I played golf, in walking from one stroke to the next, I carried hand grips with me, and kept constantly pressing on them in order to strengthen the power of these muscles. I believe I will beat Dempsey. Financial fortune then seems certain. When I retire I will have enough money to live comfortably, because my tastes are simple. I then intend to devote my life to the young men of America, coming into contact with them in colleges, Y.M.C.A.'s, gymnasiums conducted by the Knights of Columbus, etc. I intend to teach them, as best I can, the importance of clean living, and the benefits which come from health and devotion to an objective. The Almighty has been good to me, and I believe this will be the best method of showing appreciation.'

"We think all our readers will agree that this is a marvelous young man, not only as a ring general, but as a human character. His friends hold for him a great affection, and the American people will regard him as they have no other champion."

Thus far the Cox syndicate. It would seem, then, that if Gene were here at Notre Dame he would be the first to respond to the appeal made for a spiritual bouquet for the Bishop tomorrow: he would be first at the rail, he would offer the Mass he heard according to the intention requested, and he would spend an hour before the Blessed Sacrament exposed during the day.

Confessions All Day.

Confessions will be heavy tonight and tomorrow morning. Lighten the burden a bit by going during the day in the Scrin chapel.