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The Drive Begins Tomorrow.

No experienced organization would think of beginning a drive for one million dollars without three months of preparatory work. That is worldly wisdom. We are not bothered about the ways of the world. We are not asking the world directly for the money; we are asking the Poor Souls to get it for us. And they will, if we do our part. We want them to give us:

\$250,000 for a Commerce building  
250,000 for a recreation center  
500,000 for an Engineering building.

We want 2000 Communion tomorrow -- and it is possible to have them. If every student who received Holy Communion this morning will make it a point to bring another with him tomorrow morning, the number will be almost 2400. We want the chapels packed for attendance at Mass tomorrow and the nine days of the Novena.

We want to see the church filled to capacity for the prayers and Benediction of the Novena. These prayers will be held at 12:30 every day, to give off-campus students a better chance to attend than they would have at 5:00 o'clock.

We want to see the 2400 Catholic students at the University make the Jubilee for the Poor Souls during the nine days of the Novena. (For the Jubilee you need to receive the Sacraments and make twenty visits to the church -- four visits a day for five days -- praying each visit for the intentions of the Holy Father.)

We want for the Poor Souls all the indulgences you gain during the next nine days; and we want you not to fail to say after your Holy Communion the "Prayer before a Crucifix," to which is attached a plenary indulgence. The number of indulgences can be increased by making use of the Miraculous Medal, since those wearing it may gain a plenary indulgence every time they say six Paters, Aves and Glorias. To this end enrollment in the miraculous medal will take place daily after Benediction.

We want every student in the University to say the rosary every day for the benefit of the Poor Souls. There are rosaries at the pamphlet rack in Sorin Hall (room 141). They are blessed with the four indulgences.

In other words, we are perfectly willing to empty Purgatory; and we feel that the more we do for the Poor Souls the more friends Notre Dame will have with God -- and it is God Who disposes all things to the best end.

Beat the Army?

Sure, beat the Army, but don't let that hurt the Poor Souls. You can ask the protection of the Poor Souls for the players when you are praying for their release from Purgatory. If there is a general exodus to town to see the players off, Benediction will have to be deferred until 5:00; but don't miss Benediction. If you are called out of bed at 5:00 o'clock next Monday morning to greet the team, don't miss Mass and Holy Communion. Provision will be made to take care of you, no matter what happens. Beat the Army, but do it by asking the help of the Holy Souls.

Who Are These Poor Souls?

First of all, they are our own relatives and friends. Write out the names of those you want remembered, and leave them on the table in the vestibule of the church. The names will be left on the altar during the nine days. Then there are the Notre Dame men and the members of the Community who claim a share in our prayers. Then come the rest, particularly those who have no one to pray for them. Let's do this thing right!