
HER Month in HER School.

Tonight at 7:30 we conduct the solemn opening of the May Devotions, with a sermon by Father Collettine. Thereafter on Wednesday evenings through the month we will have similar public devotions in honor of the Mother of God; on the other days you are left to your own devices, but it is expected that you will find beautiful ways of telling Her that you love Her.

Her Month in Her school is the most beautiful month of the year. Her statue has gazed down in benediction through balmy autumn days and frosty winter nights; often when you have come from town disillusioned you have learned hope from her; often when you have been weary and discouraged her statue has put new fight into you; often you have looked across the campus from Cartier Field and prayed for just a little more of the fight we expect from her teams.

A rosary or an extra litany, a promise of flowers for her statue, a daily visit to her Grotto, a daily Mass, a resolution to keep from mortal sin and as much as possible from all deliberate venial sin this month in her honor, daily mortification -- these and many other things will suggest themselves to devout souls who strive to do her honor.

Preachers, painters, and writers have vied with each other how best to present her perfections; poets have sung her praises, in prophecy or in fulfillment, since poetry began; saints have become saints through striving to copy her virtues. What can we do to honor Her in Her Month in Her school?

Let those who wear her initials as her knights, those who have won their colors in contests of valor in her honor, set us the example.

Prayers.

Willard (Skeet) Thomas, who left school three years ago, was killed Friday night in an automobile accident in Memphis, his home. John Cavanaugh, senior in the college of Arts and Letters, lost his sister Friday. Bart O'Hara, who was forced by ill health to leave school in December, lost his mother last week; his father died during the Mission last fall. Frank Kelly, of Walsh Hall, asks prayers for a deceased relative, and Joseph Hughes for a relative who is quite ill. Harry Doyle, of the Class of '22, lost a little son last week; his wife is still very ill. Mr. A.P. McDonald, former student, asks prayers for his mother, who died recently, and for his wife, who has been in ill health much of the time recently. Three special intentions are recommended. Lionel Theissen lost a relative a few days ago. Tom Price's father died Saturday night.

Those Questionnaires.

One hundred more questionnaires are needed. Lyons Hall furnished twenty-two this week; off-campus students sent in about a dozen. Ten more from each hall would be ample. Freshman Hall seems to be in a permanent slump. The number from that Hall this year is just half the number received from the Hall last year; and the Prefect of Religion has given this year's students twice as much time as he gave last year's.

Novena For Mothers.

This Novena begins tomorrow morning and ends a week from tomorrow. During the nine days you should offer Holy Communion and say the rosary or Litany of the Blessed Virgin daily. Those who no longer have their mothers can make the offering for the repose of their souls, and can send the spiritual bouquet (which will be on sale this week) to their fathers. -- A "Repeater" Bulletin (for January 7) gives you some considerations on your mothers.