

Religious Bulletin
November 5, 1928

A Letter From the President.

"Dear Father O'Hara: I wish to thank you for the kindly thought through which my feast day was so prayerfully remembered. And through the Bulletin I should like to thank those men who, following its suggestion, offered for me their Holy Communion. On Tuesday, November 6, I shall offer Holy Mass for them and for their intentions.

"Faithfully,

"Charles L. O'Donnell, C.S.

The number of Holy Communions yesterday was 1735; the previous Sunday it was 1360.

Clean Your Shoes.

Tracking mud into the church is unmannerly enough, tracking it into the sanctuary is a real extreme of uncouthness. If you come so late for Mass that you have to occupy a stall in the sanctuary, take a look at your shoes before you enter; if they are not fit, leave the church and come back for a later Mass. Someone left mud behind him yesterday.

It Costs You No Money.

It's small comfort the deceased relatives and friends of most of you are getting out of your being at Notre Dame. Only a handful of three thousand students have left the names of their dependent Souls in Purgatory to have them share in the Masses offered these nine days. It costs nothing but the effort of writing out the names and leaving them at the pamphlet rack or the foot of the Sacred Heart statue in the church.

Novena Prayers at Five.

The prayers of the Novena to the Poor Souls begin at five this afternoon; they will be held daily at this hour except on Saturday, when the hour will be 12:30, and Sunday, when they will be said just before the 7:30 Benediction.

Prayers.

Sister Martina, of the local convent of Holy Cross Sisters, died Saturday. She served the students here faithfully for more than forty years. Sister M. Eleanor, of the Sisters of the Humility of Mary, a Summer School graduate of the University, died a few days ago. Vincent J. Brown, of Batavia, N.Y., an alumnus, asks prayers for his father who died last week. Charles Powers, a sophomore, lost his grandmother on All Souls' Day. Jack Werner, of Brownson, lost his grandfather a few days ago. Bob McDonald, off-campus junior, asks prayers for his aunt, who is very ill. Eight special intentions.

Don't Injure The Team's Chances.

There are signs that you are at present quite interested in the prospective victory of the football team over the Army next week. There are also indications that the spiritual background for such an accomplishment is righting itself. But make no mistake: whether you have faith in the spiritual side of football or not, act as though you had: don't spoil the team's chances. There is an impression gaining ground that next Saturday night is going to be some night if Notre Dame and Al Smith both win. Once more you are warned: mortal sin in celebration of a victory won in the name of Our Lady is not only a desecration of her Name, but the best pathway to defeat.

One final plea for the team: THE PLAYERS WILL BELIEVE YOU ARE WITH THEM IF YOU ARE WITH THEM IN THE CHAPEL. They believe in the power of prayer. They ask you, with full hearts, to remember them in Holy Communion every morning this week, that they will have the courage to do or die for Notre Dame in New York next Saturday.