
Prayers.

Father Connerton's father is quite ill. John J. Mahoney asks prayers for an uncle who died Saturday; Wm. and John Brown for an uncle and cousin who were drowned that same day. Jos. Kozac's father has been an invalid for some time and his health seems to be deteriorating at the present time. Prince Slavin's father is very ill. Harold Stelzer's grandfather is reported seriously ill, threatened with pneumonia. Jack Rockne was reported yesterday as improving. Edmund Hogan has not been doing so well; there will probably be a blood transfusion this week. John Golden's mother is suffering from a painful illness. A student asks prayers for two friends who are seriously ill. Joseph, the little son of Eddie Mahan, of the Chemistry Department, has pneumonia. Three special intentions. - Later - An emergency operation saved Jack Rockne last night!

Form a general intention each day of including in all your prayers and good works all the intentions recommended to your prayers. In this manner even before the request is published on the Bulletin or announced in church those needing help are receiving it. This does not in any way hinder you from offering special prayers for intentions that have a particular appeal to you.

Don't You Need the Novena?

You may have been away from school Friday when the Novena in honor of the Immaculate Conception was announced. If you were you may have missed the first few days of it, but you can start now. Don't get the notion that you don't need a novena for purity. It may be that you have no temptations against this holy virtue, or that you have always been successful in putting down any that have assailed you. But as long as you live in this world you are subject to temptations, and you cannot know in advance when you are going to be in strong need of grace to resist a particularly insidious one. The wise man prays to be delivered from temptation, and for grace to resist the ones that come.

Prayer and sacrifice are absolutely essential to the safeguarding of this virtue, which is the foundation of family life.

This is an unmortified age, and an unmortified age is always an impure age. If you have escaped the wiles of the devil of impurity thus far, thank God for it, and cling to prayer and mortification that you may always remain pure. Give your children as good a break as your father and mother gave you. Do it at least from a selfish motive, if you can't rise to a higher appeal: you don't want your future children to be ashamed of you in your old age.

Start the Novena now if you have not done so already. Receive Holy Communion for the nine days and offer some special prayer in honor of the Blessed Virgin each day -- the Rosary or Litany of the Blessed Virgin will do very well. There is another Novena coming before the holidays, the Novena for Christmas, which we usually offer for our parents and benefactors. A spiritual bouquet with the Novena for one of its items will be ready before that time.

Last Saturday's Bulletin.

The heavy demand for copies of last Saturday's Bulletin was anticipated, and 2000 copies were printed. You will find them at the pamphlet rack. The Bulletin will be mailed to the off-campus students if a few volunteers will appear to take care of the mailing.

Off-Campus Smoker.

The off-campus students' Smoker scheduled for Wednesday evening at eight in the K.C. Hall is intended as a means to promote a better fraternal spirit -- an excellent idea.