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Diamond Jubilee of the Immaculate Conception.

Tomorrow is the seventy-fifth anniversary of the proclamation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception.

If any institution in this country (which, by the way, is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception) owes a debt of gratitude to the Mother of God, it is this school. What you see here today, hewn out of the wilderness, is all her work. If we ever forget her, crows and buzzards will come and roost in the ruins of these sanctuaries of her Divine Son.

What Jubilee present can we make to her? A crown of gold and jewels.

The gold will be acts of mortification we will perform in her honor for the next eight days. We can mortify our eyes by restraining them from unseemly sights and reading; our ears by closing them to unworthy speech; our tongues by zealous praise of God and charitable speech; our bodies by denying them morning sleeps and delicate foods.

The jewels will be our Holy Communions in her honor tomorrow -- diamonds polished and purified by absolution and penance.

These precious elements will be wrought into a blazing crown by an Act of Consecration, to be recited by priest and people at the conclusion of each Mass tomorrow.

What Are You Doing For Gene Cavanaugh?

For four days Gene Cavanaugh has lingered at the point of death. Now and then he gives a hopeful sign, but in general his condition is such that he is more dead than alive. He was anointed the night following his last operation; he is resigned to the Holy Will of God -- but still he lives. This is the third time since his sickness began, in October, that the physicians have given him up; the other two times he rallied and seemed on the point of recovery.

Edmund Hogan was given up three times last year, and now he is as well as anybody, after spending eight months in bed. A year ago this time he had his second operation, and for the eight days following that the doctors would not admit that he had a chance to live. Through the intercession of the Little Flower he regained his health and old spirits.

Are you doing all you can for Gene? God may want him, for he is the kind of boy God takes early, to save him from the sordid things of life that have never sullied his soul. But, on the other hand, he is the kind of man the world needs, for he has a beautiful character, and the world is very short on character just now. Pray that the will of God be done in his regard. It develops the virtue of charity in you to pray for the needs of others, and it will help Gene. Don't have it on your conscience that you closed your heart to the cry of a schoolmate for help.

The Football Bulletins.

The pamphlet rack has a supply of the two Bulletins which dealt with the spiritual side of football this fall, the issues of October 8 and December 2. They will help you answer some of the critics. -- And don't forget the basketball team. Their game has not yet reached the popular appeal of football, but the men play it as hard and earnestly as do the football players, for the honor and glory of God and His Blessed Mother, and real Notre Dame men back the team at the altar.

PRAYERS: Two brothers of Brant Little are ill. A deceased friend of a student. Eight special intentions.