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On The Eve Of The Month Of Mary.

Notre Dame comes into her own this evening.

By immemorial custom, the month of May belongs to the Mother of God, Our Lady, Notre Dame.

Springtime is the season of hope, the symbol of resurrection; May is the month of awakening life. Our Lady is "our Life, our Sweetness, and our Hope."

Winter, the "winter of discontent," is a symbol of the trials, the discouragements, the disillusionment of this "vale of tears." Mothers are the best comforters in such trials, and the Mother of God is the "Comforter of the afflicted."

And so, we welcome the coming of another May; we welcome it with hymns to the Mother of God at her chosen shrine of the Grotto; we welcome her praises in sermons; we kneel with her for the blessing of her Divine Son in daily Benediction.

How can her sons best dedicate this month to her? Here are the suggestions her school offers:

1. Daily hymns at the Grotto after supper;
2. A Novena to the Blessed Virgin for your mother. It begins tomorrow;
3. Daily Communion the rest of the month;
4. Daily Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament;
5. Sermon and Benediction every Wednesday evening (and this evening at 7:30);
6. The pledge to banish from Our Lady's campus all unbecoming speech and conduct;
7. Avoidance of all mortal sin during the month.

Satan hates the Mother of God, 'whose heel crushed the head of the serpent.' The month of May is a time of special activity for the Devil, especially in Our Lady's University. There are ragged souls who will fall for his wiles. Pray for them especially during this month.

First Friday.

The Mass tomorrow at 6:50 in the church will be the regular First Friday Mass of Exposition. Go to confession tonight after Benediction to make sure of a place at the rail tomorrow.

Nine Masses For Your Mother.

A Novena of Masses for the mothers of Notre Dame men will begin tomorrow. You may put those down on the Spiritual Bouquet you send your mother for Mother's Day. And if your mother is deceased, you may check twelve Masses on the card you send your father in her memory, for Mass has been offered the last three days of April for the deceased parents of Notre Dame men.

Prayers.

An alumnus writes: "Please request prayers for two special intentions and two thanksgivings. The thanksgivings might interest you: one is the conversion of my father, the other the conversion of the girl I am going to marry soon. They are both now good Catholics. I'll always thank God." -- A relative of Brother Samuel died recently. A friend of Anthony Giuffre died a few days ago. Four other special intentions.