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"Murph."

Francis Li was a graduate student at Notre Dame a few years ago. He was a rotund, jovial Celestial, intelligent and industrious. He waited tables with inborn Chinese grace, and his popularity with the waiters may be judged by the affectionate nickname they bestowed upon him, "Murph." He lived in the subways of Corby and Sorin Halls during his two years here, and the subwayites also called him "Murph," a sure test of popularity. And in time he became "Murph" to the whole campus.

"Murph" is now Professor Lee, acting head of the Department of Sociology at the Catholic University of Peking. The word that comes from China about him is that he is "a most zealous worker and a good student." That means that "Murph," back home again in China, is still a good Notre Dame man. Like several of the Dominican Fathers at the University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Father Marin, O.F., at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland, Pompilio Ortega, at Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and many another graduate of Notre Dame in a foreign university, he is making friends for Notre Dame by handing on what he learned here.

Many of the seniors here will remember Prof. Lee; this will add interest to the announcements handed to you as a supplement to the Bulletin today and tomorrow. St. Vincent's Archabbey, at Latrobe, Pa., is the sponsor of the Catholic University of Peking, which is a magnificent project undertaken in recent years by the American Benedictines. The announcements will give you some idea of this work, in which you may desire to have a share. Subscriptions are solicited for the Fu Jen News Letter, the school paper of the Catholic University. It is another opportunity given you to help the spread of the Faith in foreign lands, and to assist in the cause of Catholic education.

Mothers Understand.

The graph in the basement chapel has been brought up to date. It shows that there was a sharp decline in Holy Communions during the Novena for Mother's Day - a very sharp decline. The figures are given here, least you be found too lazy to walk over to the Basement chapel to see the graph: 1821 - 1847 - 1754 - 1565 - 1847 - 1624 - 1566 - 1512 - 1379. God has mercifully given mothers the gift of understanding. Some mother's sons spent Mother's Day in jail, some in speakeasies, some in other haunts of vice. There are a thousand students at Notre Dame who did not offer Holy Communion for their mothers on Mother's Day. But mothers understand - they have to.

Novena To Saint Rita.

The feast-day of "The Advocate of the Impossible," as St. Rita is called, is May 22. If you wish to make a Novena, start tomorrow. You will find prayers for this in the St. Jude booklet. A new supply of these was received last week.

Hand In The Names.

The names of those for whom you wish the grace of Faith may be handed in at the pamphlet rack to be left on the altar during the Novena for Pentecost, which begins next Friday. (This Novena may also very properly be offered for success in studies, since the enlightenment of the mind is one of the principal works of the Holy Ghost.)

PRAYERS: Today is the anniversary of the election of Bishop Hall, of Fort Wayne, our Bishop. Steve Graham, who was a freshman and sophomore here with the class of 1931, was killed Saturday in an auto accident. Walter Dillon's father died Sunday as a result of injuries sustained in an auto accident. M. Collier and his guest at the ball are still in the hospital after the auto accident of Saturday. Bob Finley asks prayers for a deceased aunt and for an uncle who is very ill. Sister Provident, C.S.C., of St. Joseph's hospital, was anointed last week. M. Smith asks prayers for his brother, who is very ill at the Catholic University. Five special intentions.