

A Christmas Novena Of Adorations.

A half-hour of adoration every day for your parents! Would that make a nice spiritual Christmas gift for them?

The Most Reverend Bishop of Fort Wayne has just renewed our privilege of a Novena of Adoration before you go home for Christmas. This adoration will begin Sunday evening, December 11, and will end on Monday, December 19. On Sundays the exposition will be only for one hour, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; on weekdays it will be from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Some of you will find daily adoration too much; they may choose one half-hour or more, according to their convenience. Cards for your signatures, with adoration periods set down on them, will be brought to the rooms for your selection next week.

A Christmas Spiritual Bouquet.

On the bulletin boards in the halls you will find a sample of the card for your Christmas spiritual bouquet. The card is entitled "Eucharistic Christmas Gift." Nothing that you can give a good Catholic mother or father will be more welcome than a statement of generous spiritual offerings for their intentions. Note what suggestions the card gives, and begin-making the offerings for your parents.

For the benefit of the uninitiated (so many of you come from public schools) it is explained that "Mortifications" are voluntary acts of self-denial, and "Aspirations" are short ejaculatory prayers (you will find booklets and leaflets of them at the rack in Dillon Hall).

The First Friday Adoration.

Take a look at the First Friday Adoration card posted in your hall to see whether your hall is sufficiently represented in tomorrow's adoration. Last month the number of signatures on the cards was 142 - an average of 5.68 for each half-hour. The bad half-hours were 3:40 and 5:30, when the adoration was left to the Sisters; the most popular periods were 8:30 and 12:40, when there were 14 and 15 signatures respectively.

The signatures are desired in order to secure a continuity of adorers. If your shrinking modesty will not let your light shine before men, at least initial or check the list for the half-hour you intend to spend before the Blessed Sacrament. We must have a proper distribution of adorers if we are to keep our privilege; if you appreciate what it means, show your appreciation in this proper way.

Go To Confession Tonight.

During the Mass of Exposition in the church on First Friday morning there are four confessors at your disposal, but human limitations make it impossible for them to hear the confessions of the whole school during that time. Go to confession tonight in your hall chapel at 7:30, or make use of the opportunity afforded every night of the year in the basement chapel and Dillon Hall after supper.

Knights of Columbus Communion.

The front pews of the church will be reserved for the Knights of Columbus at the 8:00 Mass Sunday. The local council will receive Holy Communion in a body.

PRAYERS: Jas. Manion, who left school a week ago, is in an Omaha hospital. Two members of the Villanova football team were killed in an auto accident Sunday. An aunt of Wm. A. McCarthy is ill. A deceased friend of a student. Three special int.