

Mother's Day  
next Sunday

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May Devotions 7, 7:45  
Fr. E. Burke  
will preach

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It Means Something To Your Mother.

Our Sunday Visitor, in an editorial on the spiritualization of Mother's Day, quotes a letter written by a student here last year which shows what a spiritual bouquet means to a mother. Read it:

"Dear Father: At certain periods or times each year I have tried to show my mother in various little ways how much I loved her and how much I appreciated her love for me. All these favors included something of a material nature, such as books, flowers, telegrams, and so on. Although I believe that Mother's Day is commercialized a great deal, I still think it is one day on which we should remember our mothers in some manner or other. So on that day each year I send her some gift.

"I frequently remember Mother in my Communion and prayers, but have never sent her a spiritual gift in the form of a spiritual bouquet. This year I decided to make a novena for my Mother and send her one of the cards that were on sale on the campus telling her of the offerings I had made for her.

"I had never realized just how much Mother would appreciate such a gift. Let her own words express her appreciation: 'Your spiritual bouquet is an admirable gift and has brought much happiness to me. You are a good son and God will bless you. I cannot express all that is in my heart. I love and thank you.' I received these words in a letter from my Mother today. They made me feel very happy, happier than any letter of appreciation I have ever received from her.

"I want to thank you for finally making me realize just how much a Mother appreciates the spiritual gifts of her son. This has finally been brought home to me, and is home to stay."

Answering Some Questions.

1. "Where can I find a spiritual bouquet for Mother's Day? I've looked at the rack."  
Ans. There are none at the rack. You want something special for your mother, and a selection of very attractive cards has been provided. These are on sale at the Book Store.

2. "My mother is a non-Catholic. Should I send her a spiritual bouquet?"  
Ans. Why not? She will certainly appreciate your thoughtfulness, and she knows enough about the Catholic Faith to know that a Catholic regards spiritual help as the strongest expression of love. -- And if you are a non-Catholic yourself you ought to know that you can make a Novena for your mother simply by saying the same prayer for her every day for nine days.

3. "My mother died three years ago. What should I do about a spiritual bouquet?"  
Ans. Who has taken her place? Make the spiritual bouquet for both your mothers, and send the card to your earthly mother - who may happen to be your father as well.

4. "I would like to make a novena for my mother, but I am so scrupulous that I dread confession. What can I do about it?"  
Ans. If you pass up confession under the circumstances it means that you think more of your own convenience than you do of your mother. Let this occasion be the starting point for ridding yourself of scruples - which you can do if you will follow a priest's advice faithfully.

PRAYERS: A little nephew of Don Elser is seriously ill. Bob Knappman's mother is in the hospital. A deceased friend of a student. Five special intentions; two thanksgivings.