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To Show Dad He's Tops.



If you're normal, you'll fall in line for Dad. He's the greatest "guy" on earth. If it weren't for him, you just wouldn't be, and certainly wouldn't be here at Notre Dame. There's something to ponder.

Your birthday? Nerve-wracking day for Dad. All fidgets he was till he heard the good word about Mother and you. And although he doesn't show it, you've been on his mind ever since.

From the time you were a tot, he lavished his money, especially himself upon you.

Think of the bills he has footed for you: the white cradle up in the attic started it off; then the first long trousers; now your Betty's corsage for the dance.

He's one swell gent, thinking of ways and means to increase your pleasures. He wants to make the rough road just a little smoother for you.

When you were a kid, he could always find an excuse for the pranks you pulled. They irked him, but he forgot. If you flunked in your schoolwork, and the neighbors asked, he managed somehow to cover you up.

Still today he's your biggest booster. He tells the gang in the office to wait till you come back in June. "What a golfer that kid's turning out to be."

Dad has given just about his life for you. Have you ever thought of making a return?

In a material way you haven't many assets. He knows that. So it's not bon-bons and flowers that will please him.

You have a bank--not material--on which you can draw. Out of that spiritual bank you can give Dad values greater than the biggest check. To get you started, here are the items listed on the specially-printed Bouquet Card for Dad that you will find one day soon beneath the door of your room:

Masses	Beads
Communions	Ejaculations
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	Mortifications

These spiritual works make up the Novena for Dad which starts tomorrow morning.

If Dad means much to you, you will get to confesion tonight, if necessary, and be ready to begin in the morning.

Let gratitude keep you going nine big days for Dad.

PRAYERS: (deceased) Mr. John Powers (Chicago); Mr. John Lynch, uncle of Geo. Wilson (Mor.). Ill, sister of Pete Martori (Lyons); (seriously) father of Vincent G. Probst ('37); Mr. James J. McSweeney (Chicago). Four special intentions.