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How To Take It: A Lesson.

Good Mother Immaculate of Jesus died in St. Bonaventure, New York a few days ago. Foundress of the order of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, she had been an invalid for many years and from her bed of suffering directed the activities of her Order. Usually in severe pain, she let no word of complaint pass her lips.

Once at the request of friends she wrote a little leaflet on the art of suffering. And this is what she wrote:

"What can we poor creatures give Jesus? He gives Himself in Holy Communion. Now we shall live with Him. Oh, what a glory, what a privilege if Jesus designs us to suffer with Him. It is such a happiness that words cannot express it. Any pain Jesus sends us, we must accept with glad heart as His gifts to His chosen ones, His treasures. Every pain gives us a reflection on the sufferings of Jesus. Every pain purchases the the salvation of immortal souls. What a great profit. Should we not be glad to be able to help Jesus to save souls? This thought alone makes one forget all pain and turns suffering into happiness and heavenly joy. In the Cross is salvation. Our lives would miss their deepest consecration if they would miss Cross and suffering. The more crosses we have the better. In Cross and suffering we must prove the sincerity of our love for Jesus and for souls."

Sufferings accepted in union with the Sufferings of Jesus, as a means of saving souls, turn the mind heavenly to happiness and joy. Suffering endured alone turns men to rebellion.

Think it over. Think of the bed-ridden Sister who wrote it. Apply the philosophy when you are tempted to gripe.

Dick Meier Needs Special Prayers.

Last year about this time especially, Dick Meier attracted attention as the top-ranking student in the graduating class. From his brother now comes this discouraging news:

"Contrary to our hope, Dick doesn't seem to be making much progress, and at present is in critical condition. We talked with him by telephone today and he said that he was very weak and efforts to get him back in stride again don't seem to be working very satisfactorily. I wish you would please see that Dick's name is added to the list of those in need of prayer, for we believe that the prayers of the men of Notre Dame would be beneficial and, perhaps, a deciding factor in this present crisis."

Dick Meier hardly missed a morning at Holy Communion during his four years at Notre Dame. The world needs men of his type. During this month of May, please pray that he may enjoy his health once more. And ask that his restoration may take place before you leave in June.

Ask Yourself Questions.

While the primary benefit to be derived from answering the questionnaire is the better knowledge of self, do not forget the great good you do others by expressing the progress you have been making through prayer and the sacraments. Please hurry your questionnaire to the nearest box or to one of the Prefect of Religion offices.

PRAYERS: (deceased) father of Ray Naber '33; aunt of Frank Novak (St.Eds.). Ill, two friends of C. Kwiecien (Cav.); mother of Fr. Gallagher; uncle of Prof. Hanley.