

(Ill) Bro. Lec; C.S.C.;
friend of Joe Shields.
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(Deceased) Mr. E. L.
Holland, class '99.
Mother of Bro. Alexander,
C.S.C.

Re Sports: Pay Your Debt.

Normally it's easy to understand the slow comeback after vacation. It takes a while to catch up on your sleep. It isn't that you love Mass and Holy Communion any less, but you like your warm bed the more.

What is hard to understand is how you can refrain from making the Novena of Holy Communion for Father O'Hara. It must be that you are not aware of your debt to him.

Primarily it's a spiritual debt, one that can best be paid in terms of Mass and Holy Communion, visits to the Blessed Sacrament, prayers at the Grotto.

There isn't a thing in the present program of the Prefect of Religion and his assistants which wasn't either originated or developed by Father O'Hara. It is to him rather than to them you owe thanks for your easy and adequate facilities for frequent confession and Holy Communion. To him you must credit the Religious Bulletin, the annual questionnaire, the Religious Survey, the "Adoration" and emphasis on devotion to Mary at the Grotto.

In less than one week your benefactor is to be consecrated in Sacred Heart Church. Will you not show him gratitude? Is the sacrifice of a little sleep, of a good confession, of fervent Communion, of visits to the Blessed Sacrament and the Grotto too much to expect of you-- for Father O'Hara?

You have, it is true, some excuse. You have known him in a capacity that necessarily kept him away from the spiritual work with Notre Dame students, the kind of work he most loved. You did not know him as "pope" - when earlier generations of Notre Dame men lined up outside his room on the first floor of Scribner waiting to talk over their problems, when the buzzer for confession and Holy Communion was perpetually sounding in Scribner Chapel.

This Novena is different from any other a Prefect of Religion at Notre Dame has ever proposed. You owe this one to Father O'Hara. It may have been said on other occasions that you owed such and such a novena to someone else. That has been true more or less. But here is the very priest who planned and bequeathed Notre Dame's greatest gift to you: your unlimited access to the spiritual treasury of the Church.

The Novena Begins Again Tomorrow.

It would not be right to give Father O'Hara a small spiritual bouquet upon his departure. Though many of you began the Novena as first scheduled, too many did not. Some were still at home, others were travelling.

Now you are all back. Now you all know your great debt. Now you are all asked to begin once again, to make A NOVENA OF MASSES AND HOLY COMMUNIONS FOR FATHER O'HARA in unison. The first day is tomorrow. To make everyone of you ready, there will be ample facilities for confession in all hall chapels at night prayer tonight and in Dillon, Howard and Cavanaugh after night prayer till ten.

Sister Mary Louis, C.S.C.

Yesterday morning at twenty minutes past ten this venerable Sister of the Holy Cross died at St. Mary's. For years she had been in charge of the campus infirmary. She was the first nun the Bulletin editor ever knew. For that reason Sister Louis has always, in a symbolic way, represented the sisterhood to him. She represented it perfectly. And she was, thank God, one of the persons who pointed out his vocation and helped him attain it. His Mass this morning was for her. May she rest in peace!

(Deceased) (suddenly) Joe O'Boyle '38; father of Bob '37 and Red '39 Trousdale; (Ill) (appendectomy) Eileen Mahon; (seriously) Ted Hrubec '29; (operation) Rob McHale, ex40.