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## He Was Prepared!

On Thursday night the Angel of Death paused over Notre Dame and said, "Come," to one of the best prepared of all the students on the campus—Fred Aselage, freshman of Carroll Hall, whose home was in Sidney, Ohio.

Fred was found at the bottom of the swimming pool in Rockne Memorial. Other students and lifeguards had been in attendance throughout the evening. Despite the immediate efforts of a doctor, and the pulmotor squad summoned from South Bend, death claimed him. That very morning, he had served Mass and received Holy Communion.

At home Fred was known for his fine intellect, his maturity, poise and masculine piety. While attending Holy Angels High School in his home town he led his class each year and was graduated with the highest average, 93%. In the meantime he found time to play basketball, to serve Mass regularly and to earn enough money by selling newspapers for his clothes, all personal expenses and even to save some toward his college expenses.

A militant Catholic, he is credited even in his high school days in his home town with recalling one lapsed Catholic, who, to this day, spreads his praises throughout the town for his fine example and impressive character.

After having been graduated from high school, Fred needed money for college, so he worked for two years as a sandblaster in a local factory. He earned enough thereby to pay his expenses for a year and a half at Notre Dame, besides supplying his older brother, a senior at Notre Dame with some funds.

The same deep piety, intelligence and maturity developed by his fine home life continued here at Notre Dame. Fred found here everything he needed and wanted. So happy was he, that he boasted he hadn't left the campus once. A daily communicant, not missing one day since his arrival, he was also one of the most faithful servers, having served one of the 6:00 o'clock Masses in Brownson Chapel every day except one since his arrival. His last scholastic day at Notre Dame began by serving Mass and ended with his class in religion at 2:15. Then death; but it found him prepared.

Fred is the beneficiary of 1,483 Masses and Communion offered by his fellow students during the two missions, "For the next one of us to die," for which intention Fred, himself, had offered up his own Mass and Communion just one month ago.

This morning all residents of his brother's hall, Sorin, and of his own hall, Carroll, attended Mass and offered up Communion for his soul. They did not forget in their prayers Fred's bereaved father and mother, his brother, John, and his sister, Margaret. His Carroll Hall mates are also preparing a spiritual bouquet.

On Saturday there will be a Requiem High Mass in Sacred Heart Church at 6:25 to be celebrated by the vice-president, Father John Cavanaugh, for the repose of Fred's soul. All freshmen are requested to attend this Mass.

On Sunday the whole student body is requested to offer up Mass and Communion for the repose of his soul, asking Our Lady and her divine Son to welcome this worthy son speedily into Heaven and to console and strengthen his parents, his brother and sister until they are reunited in their real and eternal home in Heaven.

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PRAYERS: Deceased, Friend of Jim Burke (Dil.); Father of Sister Verda Clare, C.S.C.; Father-in-law of Professor Scanlon; Aunt of R. McCoy, (B-P); Rev. Pierce Thompson, Ill; Mother of Sister Mary Caspar; Mother and cousin of Art Maddalena, (Sor.).