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Kitty for Mass Kits.

You (and this includes the mailing list) read Bishop O'Hara's letter in the Bulletin day before yesterday pointing out the great need for vestments and Mass kits for Army and Navy chaplains. Every contributor will share in every Mass at which the vestments or Mass kits are ever used.

The Bulletin wants the honor of being the first contributor to a fund for Mass kits. It starts the kitty with a contribution of \$25.00, and volunteers to receive any donation towards vestments or Mass kits. Certainly the Bulletin owes its founder and father not only gratitude, but some concrete aid.

S. A. C., Let the Seniors Sleep!

Your signs ask for "Spirit". The Seniors will show spirit when they show spirituality. In case they wake up, confessions tonight in Dil., Cav., and How. after the rally.

Your Savior on Frequent Communion

"The Life and Revelations" of St. Gertrude (1263-1334), whose feast day is Saturday, records some conversations with Christ Himself. These show His love for us and the benefits of frequent Communion.

"At the oblation of the Host she desired greatly to know what offering of eternal praise she could make to God the Father. 'If you prepare yourself to approach the life-giving Sacrament of My Body and Blood today,' said our Lord, 'you will obtain this triple favor which you have desired during Mass -- namely, to enjoy the sweetness of My love, and to become united to Me by the power of My Divinity, even as gold is united to silver, and thus will possess a precious amalgam, which will be worthy to offer to the eternal praise of God the Father.'

"On the same day another person abstained from Communion without any reasonable cause. She said to her Lord: 'Most merciful God, why have You permitted her to be thus tempted?' 'What can I do for her,' he replied, 'since she has herself so covered her eyes with the veil of her unworthiness, that she cannot possibly see the tenderness of My paternal Heart?'

"Once also, as the Saint was about to communicate, she said: 'O Lord, what wilt Thou give me?' 'I will give Myself to thee entirely,' He replied, 'with all the virtue of My Divinity, even as My Virgin Mother received Me.' 'But what shall I gain by this?' inquired Gertrude, 'more than those persons who received Thee yesterday with me, and who will not receive Thee today, since Thou dost always give Thyself entirely and without reserve?' Our Lord replied: 'If people in the world honor one who has been a consul twice more than a person who has only once filled that office, how shall he fail of greater glory in eternity who has received Me more frequently on earth?.... There will be one reward for him who has approached with desire and love; there will be another for him who approaches with fear and reverence; and another for him who is very diligent in his preparation.'

"On another occasion she learned that when any one turns towards a crucifix, he ought to persuade himself that our Lord speaks thus lovingly to his heart: 'Behold how, for your love, I have been fastened to this cross,--naked, despised, torn and wounded in My Body, and in all My members; and still My Heart has such tender charity for you that were it necessary for your salvation, and were there no other means of saving you, I would even at this moment suffer for you alone all that I have suffered for the whole world.'"

PRAYERS: Deceased: Brother of Dan, '39, and Frank (St. Ed.) Murphy; Charles M. Brennan, S. J.; Friend of Ray Schlesier (Al.). 4 Spec. Intentions. 2 Thanksgivings.