Confessionals will be crowded Sunday ...



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...for Mothers' Day. Go tonight.

Before Parting.

For four years you've been together on Our Lady's campus. You've lived, studied and played together - prayed together.

In three short weeks you'll leave to spread out over the continent, coast to coast, border to border, never to be re-united in this comparatively carefree life again.

It is true that you face more responsibility and trials than the average Senior Class. But you do not face any that cannot be met and solved by a prayerful courage and a manly trust in God. You face not one thing out of which

God cannot bring good, to your profit for the most important thing in life, the end of all living - the salvation of your soul.

Beginning Sunday, the Prefect of Religion will offer Mass daily for nine days for you, the seniors, and your intentions, especially for all those seniors who unite in one last Senicr Novena, one common prayer to Him Who said: "In the world you shall have distress, but have confidence I have overcome the world" - to Him and Our Lady, the Mother of you all. Your intentions can and should be numerous: a just and honorable peace, safety in army or war service, reparation for sins, good positions, happy marriages, your parents, any worry or intention close to your heart, and, of course, for each other.

Seniors: It's Your Last Novena!

Den't think of and pray just for yourselves. Some of your classmates need help. Be charitable and line up those friends and classmates who are nursing fears or grudges or doubts or what you will. It will take courage and humility for some. You can help them with a friendly nudge - and prayers. Let bygones be bygones; all of you will soon be gone.

You'll never have the same chance again for a thoughtful, all-important Novena, with leisurely, helpful confessors, sympathetic and understanding priests. You'll never have the chance again of offering as easily nine Masses of infinite value in reparation for past sins. General confessions are particularly helpful at this time.

Get to confession tonight, if necessary. Begin the Novena on Sunday, Mothers' Day. It will end May 19th, which begins your exams.

Cancer Cure.

A spiritual cancer is a sin or a condition that eats away the spiritual life. It will grow if it is not cured - it can't help it. Growth is inevitable in the spiritual life, and if it isn't up, it will be down. The devil wants it to be down. Our human nature likes things easy, and going down-hill is avfully easy. But Christ wants that growth to be up, up into the realm of supernatural life, beyond the dreams of any man. To raise us up He gave up His life, allowed Himself to be raised on a disgraceful gibbet, to draw us up to Him.

And lest our human nature cringe from reaching up and embracing His Cross, the Cross of denial and of obedience to His commandments, Christ Himself came down from His height on the Cross to raise us up, to lift us up. He came down to be with us, to be with us in our struggles, side by side, no, closer than side by side, to be within us as our very food, our daily Bread: to be so close to us that only sin or laziness can Koep Him away.