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Why Monday Free Day?

Some sophomores yesterday in an Economics Class were sure Monday, December 8th, is a holyday and holiday, but missed the meaning of the Feast.

To a few, the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady meant the Virgin Birth of Christ or the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin.

Lest anyone misunderstand, let's recall the significance of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX, to the joy of all Christendom, announced that it is a matter of Catholic Faith to believe that the Blessed Virgin, Mother of God, was preserved from the stain of original sin in the first instant of her conception in the womb of her mother.

Refuge of Sinners.

Sinless she was and remained so throughout life, yet she never withholds pitying help from sinners. Those sons of Notre Dame who are faithful to her know this by experience. That knowledge keeps them from ever surrendering to discouragement or despair when trials, when sorrows, when temptations buffet them.

Throughout life, you'll need her help, she who is immaculate, channel of all graces and Mother of men. You can have no greater assurance of salvation than a constant devotion to her who will guide your hesitant, uncertain feet and finally show you home.

Up, Sons of Notre Dame.

Throughout the country, the Alumni Clubs are preparing to honor Mary, scheduling their Universal Notre Dame Communion Breakfasts for the Sunday preceding the Feast. New York, Chicago and Rochester Clubs are making especially ambitious plans and are proposing to their members a triduum in her honor, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Don't let the Alumni out-do you, who are here beneath her Dome.

Those students who are not making the Novena in her honor can still show her a minimum of devotion with the following program:

1. FRIDAY IS FIRST FRIDAY. Make a half-hour of Adoration in the Main Church.
2. Offer a triduum - 3 successive days - of Masses and Communions on First Friday, Saturday and Sunday in honor of the Immaculate Conception.

Have A Heart.

An Elkhart judge gave a youth a fitting punishment last week-end. Arrested for using violent and profane language, the 19 year old youth was given the choice of a \$100 fine or a mouth-scrubbing with soap. The youth gamely accepted the latter.

Too bad the mouths - and hearts - of some students can't be scrubbed. "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks," even if it's slimy speech.

Washington Hall.

Reports say your conduct at the concert Monday night was most gentlemanly, also enthusiastic. Why can't it be always so - or were the half-wits absent?

PRAYERS: (deceased) anniv. father of Paul Bracken (Lyons); friend of Lou Kurtz (Dil); Eugene McCaffery, cadet killed in plane crash. Ill, aunt of John Yavorsky (How); mother of John H. Nolan (Wal); Jack Sowell (Lyons), oper. at home. Seven spec. Ints.