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Go Home Clean.

No matter how much of a botch you may have made of your year, go home clean. It's the least you can do for your parents who are paying for a religious education.

Help, Help!

Friendship and charity toward each other have always been a distinctive mark of Notre Dame mon.

The greatest act of friendship is helping another to be a friend of God. Helping and admonishing the sinner is one of the spiritual works of mercy.

If you know a student absent sometime from the sacraments, say a prayer for him, then give him a lift - or a nudge. Offer to go to confession with him. He may crack: "I can take care of myself," but underneath, he will be thankful. They always are and they need just a little push.

And the reward? Read for yourself:

"My brethren, if any one of you strays from the truth and someone brings him back, he ought to know that he who causes a sinner to be brought back from his misguided way, will save his soul from death, and will cover a multitude of sins." (James 5:19,20)

Even if there isn't peace in the world this Christmas time, there should be the peace of God in the hearts and souls of all Notre Dame men.

Finish Strong.

Wednesday is the last day of Adoration for this year. It will close with Penediction and the Rosary at 5:00. Your Christmas Novena cards are at the Pamphlet Racks.

Time to Get Serious.

Yesterday's Bulletin reminded you of the necessity of a return to God. A reader of-

fers last Friday's comments of Columnist Boake Carter (S.B.Trib) on this same point and his stressing the trials that await all citizens of America, not just its armed forces. He writes, in part:

"It is a grim and terrible time that lies ahead for us - days in which our patience, our confidence and hope in any future will be sorely tried. The weak, the fearful and the shallow will fall by the wayside...Fut is this, therefore, something of which to be afraid? No, a thousand times no. Does not affliction of the spirit purge the soul of a man? Does not affliction cleanse the character of a nation which has an innate sense of justice and law...Does not a true blade first have to be tempered by fires of the furnace?

"Why then foar to face the grimmest realities when hope of a better nation, a cleaner and more honest nation and a cleansed world - lies at the end of this highway of travail, blood and tears?

"America must not pass through this conflict and not regain its spiritual strength. America must recapture its moral conscience as it wages a contest with the perverse forces of this earth. Victory then will be very sweet unto God, in whom our truct must be, and to whose laws we must render obedience." PRAYERS: (deceased) Ensign George A. Wolf, N.D. 1935-36 (Georgetown '39) killed in Pacific action. Ill, seriously, brother of Otto Molider (Al); uncle of H. (Fad) and F. (St.Ed's) Dewes. Nine special intentions.