

Benediction
Sat. at 11:30

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Stations tonight
in Church at 7:00

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May Our Lady Welcome Him Home!

When the U. S. naval supply ship Pollux crashed and broke up on the bleak shores of Newfoundland last Tuesday night, Ensign Frank X Clarke, Notre Dame '39 of Chicago, went to his death, the first Notre Dame man to lose his life since the war was declared.

After graduation, Frank took a graduate business course at Harvard. In his trips back and forth to Harvard he always stopped off at Notre Dame, which to him was a second home.

The Chicago papers carry his picture showing his characteristic and attractive smile, a smile that came from a soul made, strong, peaceful and happy by a love of, and daily devotion to, Christ and the Mother of God.

Frank was ready to meet Christ. Those of us who remember him here are sure of that. His excellent home-training, his early years at Mt. Carmel High, his living Notre Dame life to the full, made him ready. And if all Notre Dame service men face death as well prepared, neither Notre Dame nor they need fear about their final, eternal and glorious reunion with the loved ones of their family and with their cherished brothers of the family of Notre Dame where in the words of the poem to Our Lady....

"Then when your Son comes by,
You will tell Him, as of old,
'These are the boys we knew,
I, in my cloak of gold,
You at the breaking of Bread -
These are the troops You fed?'"

There will be a Requiem High Mass for the repose of his soul in Sacred Heart Church, Monday at 6:20, to be celebrated in the President's absence by the Vice-president, Reverend John J. Cavanaugh. The Notre Dame Naval R.O.T.C. Battalion will attend - and it is requested that all members of the Naval Reserve, both V-5 and V-7, attend - to pray for the soul of Ensign Frank Clarke, '39, their comrade in arms. May the rest of you pray for him, may all of you in war and peace imitate him, one of Notre Dame's finest sons.

At Benediction.

Freshmen: You have noticed a change in the hymn sung after Benediction. During Lent the hymn sung is the Parce, Domine. Your voices could be much stronger at Benediction. Perhaps you did not know the words of the hymns. To help you, cards with the hymns have been placed in the pews. Pick up one of these, ask your pal to look on, and then sing. Sing all the hymns, those before and those after Benediction.

Upperclassmen: You know the hymns and the music, so sing out. Your singing will give your neighbor courage. Nudge your pal, if he is not singing. And sing with the heart and power you put into the "Ora pro nobis".

Everyone: A hymn is a prayer. For example: "Parce, Domine; parce, populo tuo", is a petition of mercy: "Spare, O Lord; spare Thy people". Your voice may be a poor one, off pitch most of the time and squeaky, but sing with all your soul. By these hymns you adore Christ on the altar, and at the time you are petitioning Him to grant you blessings. You need not use private prayers at Benediction. It is far better to pray, to sing with the group, because then you are not praying alone, but with others. Group prayer is more powerful.

Make your intentions before Benediction - gratitude for the benefits of the day, reparation, petition for help in temptation and for success in study - and then sing out.