

Confession tonight after
supper and rally. Mass
tomorrow for the Team.

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Benediction Sat: 11 a.m.
Navy waiters: Communion
in Dillon before 6 a.m. Mass

To A Worried Navy Man.

Your desire to prepare yourself for afternoon Communion by fifteen minutes of prayer is most commendable. But don't stay away from this powerful source of grace because your schedule permits only a five or six minute preparation. The work of prayer before Holy Communion is to open your soul as wide as possible for the sanctifying action of Our Blessed Lord. It is Christ who does the work of transforming your thoughts and desires through the Sacrament.

The work of opening your heart to Our Lord and His action is not to be confined to the few minutes before going to the Communion rail. Your whole day can become a preparation for the coming of Christ. Do this. During the day, when marching or when at ease, turn your mind and heart to Christ and offer Him the actions you are about to perform. Make your offering especially when confronted by a cross. If you work and play for Christ during the day in this manner, your soul will be so expanded in love of God that Christ will be able to pour in torrents of grace when you receive Him at five o'clock.

Premiere Of The Victory March.

"Football season is upon us, and again the Notre Dame Victory March is being broadcast from coast to coast. Next time you hear it try to imagine it being played on the organ of a Protestant church. That is where it had its initial presentation, according to a story in the Transcript-Telegram of Holyoke, Massachusetts. Here is how it happened: Father Michael Shea, then organist of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York, had just composed the march. While vacationing in Holyoke, his home town, Father Shea met William Hammond, one of his former music teachers, and told him about the composition. Professor Hammond invited Father Shea to play it for him on the organ of the Second Congregational Church. As the strident cords of the march began to thunder through the church, a group of deacons walked in. They were not a little shocked to see a man wearing a Roman collar energetically thumping away on the keys of their organ. One deacon had a remark to make when the recital was finished. 'Brother,' he said, 'you've got something there.' It is now conceded that 'Brother' had." (Ave Maria)

On Your Knees - To Your Books - Exams Monday.

Make a triduum of Masses, Communions, and Rosaries for your intention in honor of Our Lady of Good Counsel. Don't tempt God. Join earnest study to your prayer.

"The Changing of the Guard"

Suppose you visited an army station (or for that matter the western half of our own campus), in order to witness the changing of the guard. And suppose the sentries drifted off one by one, with no one to replace them, so that for a few minutes only one man was on the job, with six or eight stations unprotected. And then the new men came on, five, ten, fifteen minutes late. That's impossible, of course: on military and naval stations, the guard must change like clockwork. Those men are protecting something sacred: the lives and property of Americans.

Now you signed up for something even more sacred when you put your name down for October Adoration. You promised that you would do sentry-go in honor of the King of Kings, Christ Jesus, gloriously reigning from His Eucharistic Throne. Be faithful to that promise: come on time and leave on time. You may not get a medal for that, but you will do great honor to your King, and you will store up graces for yourself and others, for time and eternity.