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A Reminder To Those In Love: Tomorrow is St. Valentine's Day.

The popular customs associated with St. Valentine's Day undoubtedly originated in England and France during the Middle Ages. It was generally believed that on February 14, that is, half way through the second month of the year, the birds began to pair. Chaucer says this :

For this was on Seynt Valentyne's day  
When every foul cometh ther to choose his mate.

For this reason the saint's day was looked upon as consecrated in a special way to lovers, and as a proper occasion for exchanging love letters and tokens of love. Those parties who gave their hearts away under these circumstances called one another their Valentines. In the "Paston Letters" Dame Brew writes about a match she hopes to make for her daughter. She addressed the favored suitor:

"And, cousin mine, upon Monday is St. Valentine's Day and every bird chooses himself a mate, and it is like you to come on Thursday night, and make provision that you may abide till then, I trust to God that ye shall speak to my husband and I shall pray that we may bring the matter to a conclusion."

It is time that lovers associate St. Valentine with this day in a very real manner. Valentine should be a model for those sincerely in love. He was a martyr; he died for Christ. Lovers must imitate Valentine, not in giving their lives, but in dying to anything, act, words, desires that would tear Christ from their souls. Lovers must have a desire to love one another in Christ. At times this involves death, but it gains eternal life and it deepens human love. St. Valentine, look after these lovers, and pray that they will love to take Christ on their dates and die to all that would cast Him from their lives.

Brother Raphael, C.S.C.

Friday morning at 5:15 God called Brother Raphael. Brother has been in the hospital in South Bend for two months. No doubt you would have heard about him if he had lived longer. A Notre Dame graduate, he had every promise for a great future in the classroom and in his chosen field. He had just received his doctorate in biology.

Brother joins the ever growing list of Notre Dame service men who have died young. God's ways are not our ways. To have talent and then to offer it back to God untapped at the time and in the manner God wills, this is greatness and it gives God a glory that perhaps would not be forthcoming from a long life of work. May God grant eternal rest to Brother and all our dead!

PRAYERS: (deceased) - uncle of John Dockweiler (Z); brother-in-law of Herb Jones and uncle of John Prince (Mission House); wife of Charles Moran (former N.D. student and prominent sport writer); John M. Claffey; friend of Ben Walker (D11); friend of Chris Christianson; father of Ensign Richard Ball, '41. (ILL) grandmother of John O'Rourke (Z) dying; sister of Tom Hardman (Wal) - serious; grandfather of Tom O'Reilly (A1); Ed. Merideth; friend of Russ Alvino (A1) - wounded. One special Intention.

LT. RICHARD CARROLL '37 RECENTLY ANNOUNCED AS MISSING IN ACTION IS IN ROME A PRISONER.