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Your Football Team.

Notre Dame takes to the gridiron Saturday, so it is about time to say a word about Notre Dame football.

St. Paul had something to say about Notre Dame teams: "Whether you eat or drink, or whatsoever else you do, do ALL for the glory of God." St. Paul was inspired by God. He spoke for the present as well as for the future. "ALL" includes football. Notre Dame men have always played for the service of God.

Notre Dame is dedicated to the special service and exaltation of the mother of God. Notre Dame means Our Lady. The Notre Dame student is happy to study and work for Our Lady. The Notre Dame athletes feel honored to train and play some sport for the Queen of Heaven, and to carry her name across the continent. The ND monogram is a badge telling the world that the possessor is a man who has played in the service of Our Lady. It is only natural for the football squad to form a huddle before the opening kickoff and say a Hail Mary that all will go well.

Before leaving for Pitt, the members of the team will meet in one of the hall chapels, as is the old tradition, and publicly dedicate the game to God and to some saint. At this time, the bumps, bruises and disappointments of the game, as well as the glory of victory, is offered in advance for the Poor Souls or for some soul in affliction. This year the team will take all the shocks and knocks for the Notre Dame war-dead. As part of the pre-game meeting in the chapel, the team, lead by its Captain, recites the Litany of Our Lady and is blessed with a relic of the True Cross for the purpose of being preserved from injury during the contest.

This is your team taking the field Saturday, your friends and classmates playing for your Blessed Mother. The members of the squad will be expecting your support. In the past, Saturday was the all-out day for the team at Mass and Communion. The war program necessitates a few changes. This year FRIDAY IS THE DAY ALL CATHOLICS WILL ASSIST AT MASS AND RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE TEAM ASKING GOD TO BLESS THE DAY AND TO PROTECT THE PLAYERS FROM INJURY.

He Is Behind The Team.

For a number of years, one of Notre Dame's workmen has had a Mass offered on every football Saturday for the team. He is looking after the welfare of "his boys" again this year. He wants "his boys" who have died in the war remembered too. So the Mass every Saturday during the season will be offered in honor of the Notre Dame War Dead that the team will be kept free from injury.

Marine Confessions.

Marines will find it convenient to go to confession in Cavanaugh or Zahm during the 5:00 Afternoon Mass (Monday through Saturday). or after chow from 6:30 to 7:00 P.M. in Cavanaugh Chapel (Monday through Friday).

Prayers.

Travis Marshall (St. Eds) has received word that his brother Wib (Dillon last semester) broke his elbow last Tuesday at Fort McClellan and will be forced to remain in the hospital for four weeks. Joe Gall (OC) was called home suddenly Monday night by the death of his mother. The mother of Bob Ghegan (Sorin) has been critically ill.