

A Spirit That Will Live.

(An Editorial from The Canadian Register)

"Press, screen, and public opinion have made 'the spirit of Notre Dame' traditional. It has been commonly associated with the football teams from the University at South Bend; and most of the credit for it has been given to the famous Knute Rockne. But that indefinable something which permeates the campus of Notre Dame, and that of its sister institution, St. Mary's College, antedates all football teams and all coaches. It is something which impresses every visitor to these colleges, even though he may spend only a few days there.

"The spirit of Notre Dame is the spirit of the Cross of Christ. Now, for over a century, the Fathers and Sisters of Holy Cross have patterned their own lives on that Cross of Christ. And at South Bend they have spent themselves unsparingly to make the Redemption effective, and give Christ the first place, in the lives of American young men and women. Christ's Cross, in the spiritual and intellectual fore-ground, is the first element in the spirit of Notre Dame.

"And the second is like to this. When these two institutions of learning were founded, they were dedicated to Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The focal point on the campus of Notre Dame is the gilded statue of Mary, surmounting the dome of the administration building. It is visible from almost all parts of both campuses, a continual reminder that Mary presides there. And the wholesome spirituality of the students of both colleges shows that she is no merely honorary president. This is why the students are Catholics first, and scholars second. This is why strangers feel at home there; everyone who shares the life of her Son is at home on Mary's grounds. The "Spirit of Notre Dame" will endure, for it is the spirit of 'Notre Dame' (Our Lady)."

Other Tributes To Our Lady.

France: "Your letter telling me that Notre Dame will not forget my father, who passed away several months ago, has given me a great deal of mental relaxation. Here, more than any other place I've been, is Our Lady's presence felt. To see the statues adorning so many of the cottages and little nooks by the wayside, and in her honor, is very inspirational. Now the Grotto at Notre Dame has a deeper significance for me."
(A. M. G. '40)

Ohio: "Some day soon I hope to return to Notre Dame particularly to visit the Grotto. Father, if the fellows would only realize what a source of wonderful gifts Mary has to give, to those who ask for them, there would be a continuous stream winding down to the Grotto throughout the day."
(Ensign L.A.H. '43)

New York: "I don't know how to put it, but I'll try anyway. This may be an imposition on you, yet I would appreciate it immensely if you would do something for me. Would you offer some prayers to Mary for me? There is a certain image of Mary that I liked very much. It is in Dillon Hall Chapel on the left of the altar. I spent many hours praying to her there and it worked miracles. Her face in that statue seems to come to life as you watch it and pray, especially her eyes. Before a group of us boys left, you mentioned that you would remember us in your Masses, and that you would visit the Grotto daily for us. So, one thing more, since I can't light a candle at the Grotto, would you please light one for me? If you could start this favor for me on Sunday the 20th, I will pray in union with you that week, although I am very far away. For all this I will assure you that I have and shall continue to pray for you, N.D. and the success of N.D. and our Faith in the future."
(F.X.P. A/S)

PRAYERS: (deceased) Rev. Michael Quinlan. (ILL) grandfather of Dick Young, ROTC.