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A Pre-Exam Story.

An old Irishwoman was on her way to visit the neighboring country. As she was about to step across the border, the customs officer accosted her and asked if she had any goods to declare.

"No, none at all," replied the traveller.

"But what is in that bottle?" the officer demanded.

"Holy water, holy water from Lourdes," was the response.

The officer pulled the cork. "Whiskey, it is," he barked.

"Glory be to God! cried the offender. "A miracle!"

You hope for success in your classes. Don't look for God to perform any supernatural wonders unless you study and pray. There are only fifteen days between you and the final exams. You've got to use those prayerbones if you want God on your side. The key to God's blessings is prayer: "ASK and you shall receive." "If you ASK the Father anything in my Name He will give it to you."

Don't expect God to grant you favors if you are in sin. If you are in mortal sin, you are an enemy of God; you have told Him: "Get out of my life." Christ awaits the sinner in confession; with His forgiveness comes peace of mind and the chance to have petitions answered.

Why Receive Communion On The First Fridays.

Our Blessed Savior appeared to St. Margaret Mary and made various promises of spiritual favors to those who practised devotion to His Sacred Heart. One of His promises promotes the First Friday Communion.

"I promise thee in the excessive mercy of My Heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My disgrace nor without receiving their Sacraments; My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment."

What the Sacred Heart actually promises is the blessing of dying in state of grace. The words their "Sacraments" do not necessarily mean the presence of a priest at the hour of death and the conferring of the Last Sacraments. Whoever fulfills the conditions receives the right to such Sacraments as may be necessary to secure the state of grace before death. These Sacraments may be received some time before death. The Promise does not say that the Sacraments will be received during one's dying moments.

Daily Adoration: 11:00 to 4:30

Last Monday, the campus was perfectly represented at the Rosary devotions at 4:30 P.M. The Lady Chapel was nearly filled to capacity. Besides the religious, priests, brothers and sisters, there were civilian students, servicemen from all the campus units: seaman, marines, a midshipman, members of the ROTC, professors and office workers. You too can find strength and consolation in praying to Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

PRAYERS: (deceased) Miss Mary Shea, sister of Father Michael and John Shea, co-authors of the Victory March. (Ill) Maurice J. Curran, '34. 4 Spec. Int.