

Now going on: Daily  
Adoration in Church,  
from 11 to 4:30.

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Thanks for generous  
Sunday collection  
for Poor Children.

### A Christmas Note To His Widowed Mother.

Here is a Christmas greeting from a Notre Dame man to his mother. It is worth your reflection, because it shows you how real Faith can make the supernatural realities that cannot be seen by the human eye. Here is charity, too, an effort of a good son to bring by mail - the only method left to him - the extra joy a son should try to give his mother during the Christmas season. Every Catholic who is living his Faith thinks along these lines, even though he may not have the occasion to put his thoughts on paper. If a bit of loneliness is entering your heart because of the death of some relative or friend, there is consolation for you in this paragraph, also. We are grateful to the Army Chaplain who sent the excerpt to us. It was written by Roger Young, '42, from the Aleutians.

"Mom, I hope you're not going to let the memories of last year and Pop's passing away cloud your Christmas joy. After all, you know, Heaven at Christmas time must be such a beautiful place. Not a choir in a church, but the angels themselves singing amidst undisturbed peace and joy; not a white Host, but the golden brilliance and glowing warmth of God Himself; not a mere statue of Mary in a stable, but the soft, proud, sweet smile of Mary herself. Being in Heaven at Christmas time must be the crowning joy of a life well-lived. Feeling sorry for Pop would be a blasphemy of our love for him, and feeling sorry for ourselves certainly doesn't make sense, since we succeed only in making things worse; so there we are! We shall take as much joy as we can from this life, and one day we will all be happy together in Heaven, much happier than is possible here."

### WAR CASUALTIES.

Lieut. Richard Carroll, '37, of Chicago, Ill., is now officially reported dead. Sgt. Dick Grant of Freeport, Ill., was killed in action in France November 23. Dick was a member of the baseball team, and would have graduated in '43 if he had not been drafted. Lieut. John LaGrou, ex. '45, of Detroit, was killed November 21, 1944 in Central Pacific action. Lieut. Donald McKay, '36, of Fargo, N. Dakota is missing in the South Pacific. Lieut. Wilbur Borer, '40 is missing in action. Jim Favret, ex. '45, of Columbus, Ohio, has been wounded.

### Are You Forgetting Your Parents?

There should have been a pick up in the number of students attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion on Monday morning with the opening of the Christmas Novena for Parents. The records are not encouraging, nor typical of the spirit that should be guiding the Catholic during these days before the Birthday of Christ.

An attractive Spiritual Bouquet card will be left in your room this week. Mark on it the number of good works you are offering as a Christmas gift to your mother and father. The Novena is also a preparation for Christmas, which is a religious festival, not merely a holiday.

PRAYERS: (deceased) father of Anthony Camperlengo, '36 (2nd Anniv); mother and mother-in-law of Bill Dooley of Alumni Assoc. (Voth Anniv.). (Wounded) Ben Eilers, '40, condition serious; Jim Hauer (formerly of N.D. Marines).

IF YOU NEED CONFESSION, GO TONIGHT. WAITING UNTIL CHRISTMAS WILL NOT QUIET YOUR CONSCIENCE, NOR MAKES MATTERS EASIER.