

<u>Christmas Confessions:</u>	University of Notre Dame	.....morning, afternoon
In Sorin, Cavanaugh Chapels	Religious Bulletin	(till 5:00) and evening.
Wed., Thurs., Fri. ....	December 19, 1944	Press buzzer at chapel door.

At The Crib. . .

Dedicate yourself to the service of the Infant King. God subjected the angels to a trial before He opened heaven and eternal happiness to them. We do not know the nature of that trial, Revelation says nothing about it. Catholic theologians have discussed the matter. One group of doctors of the Church holds that God showed the angels, in prevision, Christ the God-Man and asked them to pay the same homage to Him as they would to the Blessed Trinity.

A host of angels bowed their wills in adoration and respect, accepting Christ as their Lord and God in human form. But Lucifer, one of the most gifted of all the angelic spirits, said, "I will not serve," and a number of angels took up the cry under his leadership. These bad angels, as they are called, were proud, they refused to pay homage to a man; it was an outrage against their dignity, and they refused to do God's will. And so God sent them to hell because they would not dedicate themselves to the love, obedience and service of their God in human form, for Christ is truly Our Lord and Master, the King of Heaven and Earth.

At the crib, all Catholics should do what the bad angels would not do--accept the Son of Mary as God's own Divine Son. When on your knees before the Infant Savior say, "I will serve!"

The whole world belongs to this Babe: nations, individuals, you. His word is law. When you say, "I will serve!" you are implying that you will be charitable to those around you, humble, not boasting, helpful, prayerful and obedient.

Ask for God's blessings. All birthdays but Christ's are one-sided. Usually one receives gifts on his birthday and gives nothing in return, other than an expression of gratitude. On the Birthday of Our Lord it is different. We give and Christ gives to us in return. In a way Christmas is our birthday too, for Christ came to give Himself to us as our Gift: "I am come that they may have Life and have it more abundantly."

Our Savior is most willing to grant favors on His birthday. So after you have given Him your heart, ask for all the blessings you want: grace to be good, blessings for your parents, protection for your friends in the war, success in your school work, peace of heart, peace for the world and light to solve the problems of your life. Visit the crib after the Christmas Mass, wherever you are. And visit the crib in the hall chapel when you return.

"The Kings of the earth are men of might,  
And cities are burned for their delight,  
And the skies rain death in the silent night,  
And the hills belch death all day!  
But the King of Heaven, who made them all,  
Is fair and gentle, and very small;  
He lies in the straw, by the oxen's stall--  
Let them think of Him today!"

----Joyce Kilmer.

PRAYERS: (deceased) mother of Loretta Brennan (Main Office); Mr. Murphy; brother of Art Cronin; aunt of Jim Brisbois (Z); grandfather of Jerry Schroering (Dil); friend of Bob (Sor) and Tom (B-P) Snyder; father of Ray Geiger, '32; Judge Thomas J. Hoban, '18 (Elgin, Ill.); William Selleck; William Binder; Charles Reed. (Injured) Lieut. Wm. J. Shea, Jr., ex. '43, in France; James L. Collins, USA, serious. Four Special Intentions.

FATHER OF VAN WALLACE DIED SUDDENLY YESTERDAY. REMEMBER HIM AT MASS TOMORROW.