

Corpus Christi procession  
about quadrangle of campus  
will take place Sunday after  
Solemn Mass.

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Friday is First Friday.  
Draftees: Come in for  
blessing before you leave.

### The Woman In Your Life.

Your mother, in no small way, has made you what you are. At her apron strings you learned habits of virtue, though you never realized it. She spoke to you when you were very young about being kind to your neighborhood friends; she encouraged respect and obedience for her and your father. If she used the rod to inculcate those virtues, it was only that her child might not be spoiled. Through her lips God entered into your life. At bedtime and as you played at her feet, she told you about Our Lord and His Blessed Mother. Your character was being formed even by her silence. You saw her industry and cheerfulness. You saw her shed tears in her sorrows, and she never complained in her trials. With the passing of childhood, you awakened to the loveliness of your mother, and the awakening did a wonderful thing to you - it made you look with respect upon all women. A great tribute was paid to motherhood by Notre Dame students in a questionnaire answered a year ago. To the question: "What means do you use to keep pure?" many responded simply, "My mother." Every one can say, "How good God has been to create for me my mother."

#### ii. The Queen of Heaven.

The loveliest of the daughters of Eve was a Mother too. Hers is the most beautiful of names - Mary. It is only when she enters the life of a young man that he becomes a man in the fullest sense of the word. For in God's plan, Mary our Heavenly Mother is to have an intimate part. She picks him up where his earthly mother leaves off. Men have called her the, "Refuge of sinners," and "Comforter of the afflicted." The kneelers at the Grotto at Notre Dame tell a story. They have been bent by the weight of thousands of young men who came to speak to their Mother in prayer. At her feet broken hearts have been mended. Closeness to her has increased a love for purity, and has restored it where it had been lost. Every young man admits that without Mary he is lost.

#### iii. Your Girl.

Not the least influence in a young man's life is his girl. Her virtue keeps his ideals noble, her prayer helps him survive many difficult moments, her encouragement and sympathy engender in him a tremendous determination to do his work well for the Glory of God and for the happiness of his future wife and family. When God gave the first girl to man - Eve to Adam, He told Eve what she was to be to her husband, a helpmate: "It is not good for man to be alone. I will make for him a helpmate." The girl who does not fulfill her vocation as a helper before marriage will never do her job in marriage. At the Judgment Seat of God, Our Lord will tell all mankind gathered there on the Last Day about your virtues (and your sins) and associated with them, without doubt, will be some girl.

The dominant influence in your life has not been three women, but one, the Mother of God. She developed the ideals of motherhood in your mother, and she is the inspiration behind all the good qualities of your girl. To her belongs all the credit. And because this is so, you should thank her for her graciousness. This you can do THURSDAY NIGHT at the GROTTTO, at 7:00 by joining in the solemn closing of May devotions. There will be hymn singing and Solemn Benediction in which all the campus, priests, brothers, sisters and students will participate.

PRAYERS: (deceased) father of Vincent Kedel (St. Eds); grandfather of Jim Donnelly (Sor); father of Jim Sullivan (Al); mother of Albert A. Bradthe; James Brady, friend of Ed. Marshall (Dil); grandmother of Elmer Angsman (St. Eds); James Luther, father of Father Joseph Luther; brother of Lieut. Wm. Pat. Fitzgerald, killed in action; father of Ray Baddour (Dil); wife of Paul R. Martin, '09; Father Thomas McKinney (Cleveland). (Ill) father of Ed. Rodgers (Sor); Brother Canute, C.S.C., serious. 2 Spec. Int.