

During week of Adoration
confessions will be heard
after BENEDICTION and ROSARY.

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(Ill) mother of Father
John Scheberle, CSC.
(Deceased) sister of Frank
Reyes (Cav)

Polio Epidemic.

In a single city in northern Illinois over 150 cases of polio have been reported. The disease is working with devastating effects in spite of local and state efforts at control.

Polio has brought sorrow to the home of one Notre Dame family of eight children. Four of the youngsters contracted the disease. One died last week, a lad of four; another has reached the critical stage. The father, a doctor, has spent his days and nights at the hospital with the city's isolated cases. You can imagine the anxiety of that household and hundreds of others where there are babies and young children.

Student life is so full at Notre Dame that sometimes the suffering of others does not strike home with all the force it should. This is an appeal for prayers for the polio victims. Take a look over the fence and see what is happening practically in your own backyard. Prayer is the divine magic by which you can go to a thousand sick-beds to administer relief and consolation. A prayer at the Grotto tonight to Our Lady, Health of the Sick, will do wonders for these sick youngsters, and so will the denial of a cone or a coke.

Someone has defined sympathy as two people carrying the same load. Pull by your prayer, and your sympathy will be perfect.

They Depend On Your Prayers.

The last paragraph in the BULLETIN is usually devoted to requests for prayers. These requests come from the campus and cities throughout the country. During the war requests have come from Europe and the Pacific. The appeals run into hundreds of forms: for a deceased or sick parent, for the recovery of a sick child, for a happy death, for the victim of an accident. Frequently very personal intentions are sent in; these are listed under "Special Intentions." Not all requests are from Notre Dame graduates or former students. Friends of the students know of the prayer column and the willingness of the student body to help them, and so they too contact Notre Dame. Sometimes they write. In urgent cases they wire and even phone long distance.

Great value has been placed upon your prayers because of your proximity to Our Lady and to the Blessed Sacrament.

The trust others are placing in you should draw you to say a little prayer at the end of your reading the list of prayer requests. A short "My Jesus, Mercy." gets to heaven in a hurry and brings immediate aid to those who are the object of your prayer. Your Mass intention should contain a petition of help for those who depend on your cooperation in prayer; of course, this would embrace the BULLETIN appeals. Self-denial can be a prayer. Try it frequently. Later on, others are going to make sacrifices for you.

Requests for prayers should be left with one of the Prefects of Religion. A note with the intention can be slipped under the office door.

Don't Forget Your Adoration.

Report in the sanctuary on time for your half-hour Adoration in thanksgiving for peace. After supper (6:00 P.M.) come to the church for the rosary and Benediction. After all, peace came to us not only as individuals but also as members of a group or family. The family has an obligation to offer thanks as well as the individual. The Rosary and Benediction will be our family prayer of gratitude.

PRAYERS: (deceased) Dr. James Dinnen, student in minims '67 and '68; honorary degree '96.