

Don't miss Communion.  
Confession and Communion  
facilities in Sorin chapel,  
every morning, all morning.

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Forty Hours closes tonight  
at 7:00 o'clock with  
hymns during procession  
and Benediction.

### Old Dan.

A few minutes after the church bell would ring for Sunday evening Benediction, an old gray-haired man would slip up the aisle of the church and enter his favorite pew. He always took the same spot, beside the first column on the Gospel side. He was there every Sunday night; he never missed. This was Dan Hanley.

That pew is empty now. For Dan is dead. Death came during the recent vacation at the Healthwin Sanitarium a few miles up the Niles Road. Notre Dame and a generation of her students mourn the passing of the saintly Irishman. For twenty years Dan was caretaker of the gymnasium. He lived there in a room just off the main entrance. Dan was the faithful "trainer" of the Notre Dame mascot, "Clashmore Mike", the Irish terrier.

The Notre Dame football team had a guardian angel in Dan. A few days before the opening game of the season, Dan would slip a ten dollar bill into the hands of the Prefect of Religion and ask him to arrange for a Mass to be offered every Saturday of the schedule "for his boys." The details of his request was always the same, "that the boys won't get hurt, and the tenth Mass in thanksgiving." A long line of football players can thank Dan for their escape from serious injury.

Dan was an early riser. Every morning, until his illness forced him to enter the hospital, he served Mass. At six o'clock he was ready to serve in the Basement chapel of the church. He was 76 when he died; sometimes he was nearly fifty years older than the priest he served. For some reason, Dan could never master the Latin of the Mass, but that did not stop him from serving. He knew when to move the Mass Book and to get the water and wine. What Latin he did know he used. They were "Et cum spiritu tuo," and "Kyrie eleison."

God seems to have given Dan to Notre Dame to teach the students a lesson of the joy in simple living. There was nothing false about Dan. He was true blue. He had a temper - not a bad thing when used properly - and Dan often "let someone have it." Injustice of any kind, or unkindness, galled him, and he was not slow in laying down a reprimand to the guilty party. Certainly Christ and Our Lady watched Dan with satisfaction as he pushed his broom over the gym floor and cleaned the dressing rooms and kidded with the students.

God alone knows the souls that were saved by the prayers of the quiet figure that knelt erect in spite of his years and thumbed his prayerbook and rosary in the church and in his room. He never hurt a soul with his hand or with his tongue. Pray for him; he did his share of praying for you.

### Were You Missed?

Someone tried to contact you last night. They wanted to know what half-hour period of Adoration you are going to take each week in Lent. You know, of course, that the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the church every day. The student-promoter of the Adoration wanted your name so that a weekly reminder card can be sent to you. The Adoration starts at 8:00 o'clock and closes at 5:00 P.M. with Benediction. If you were missed, leave your name with the Prefect of Religion.

PRAYERS: (deceased) Howard Parker, '17 (3rd Anniv); father of Joe Gall, '43; Herman Hackman, father of Robert, '38, Paul, '40 and Richard, '44; father-in-law of Larry Burns, '41; brother of Brother Gabriel, CSC; uncle and cousin of Brother Canisius, CSC; Tom Daugherty Jr. (ill) Father John MacNamara, '97; father of Ralph Hayman (Sor); father of Austen Jones Jr., '43. Three Special Intentions. One Thanks  
"My Jesus, mercy."