Send off Mother's Day Novena card tonight. Extra cards at pamphlet racks. University of Notre Dame Peligious Bulletin May 8, 1946 Hymnsinging at Grotto at 6:40 nightly. Confession afterwards in upper and lower church.

A Happy Death.

St. Joseph died in the arms of Jesus and Mary. To die with the grace of God in our soul and with Christ and His Mother at our side whispering words of confidence and mercy in our hearts -- this is what is meant by a happy death. Everyone seeks the same privilege enjoyed by St. Joseph. That is why Catholics the world over pray to him as the patron of a happy death.

No Notre Dame student has died on the campus during the war years. Perhaps the death of over three hundred students in the war has won from God this special favor. True, students have died recently, Bob Nelson and Fred Arcenault, for instance: but death came to them at home after they left school. One midshipman trainee died in the infirmary. Those who attended him know that his was a happy death. A dying navy draftee was brought to the infirmary when the ambulance plane carrying him to the hospital at Great Lakes was grounded in South Bend. The young Catholic gained consciousness long enough to recognize the priest who gave him absolution and anoint ed him. Death came two days after the plane arrived at Great Lakes.

The surest guarantes of a happy death is a good life. "As you live, so shall you die. Our Blessed Mother has promised a happy death to those who honor her by wearing the scapular (cloth or metal). And Our Lady promised special soul-saving graces at the hour of death to those who meditate on the resary and receive Holy Communion on five consecutive First Saturdays of the month. Our Blessed Lord promised a happy death to those who receive Holy Communion on nine consecutive First Fridays.

Are you mady to die at this moment? Death often comes like a thief in the night. Get rid of mortal sin by contrition and confession tonight. And slip into the chapel for a talk with St. Joseph; today is his feast day.

