

Late Friday afternoon, before leaving for the Illinois game, the football squad will meet in Dillon Hall chapel for the traditional pre-game blessing and dedication. At this meeting two things are done by the players. First, they dedicate the game, their running, tackling, blocking and bumps to the glory of God and Our Lady. Then to draw down Our Lady's special blessing, the Litany of the Blessed Virgin is recited led by the captain.

After the Litany, each member of the team is blessed individually with a relic of the True Cross, that is, a small piece of wood from the Cross on which Christ was crucified. The priest touches each man with the relic and prays that he will not be injured in the game. Friday night the team will stay in Chicago. On Saturday morning, the squad and coaches will assist at Mass in Old St. Peter's Church and receive Holy Communion in petition for God's blessing on the game.

This team, like all other N.D. teams, represents the student body wherever it goes. The students have always supported the players by attendance at Mass and Communion on the Saturday of the game. Saturday is Gur Lady's day. In praying for her team (no injuries and for victory) you are pleasing her and showing loyalty to each member of the squad. Keep alive the Saturday Mass and Communion tradition.

PRAYERS: (Ill) aunt of Bill Diebolt (Morr); Phillip Doel, '27, very serious; uncle of Jim Kelly (Al); wife of Prof John Sheehan. Four Special Intentions