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Three Disasters.

The Texas City explosion has taken a toll of over 500 lives, and more will die. The Centralia mine blast sent 111 miners to their death; not a single man escaped. The tornado that cut through the Oklahoma panhandle killed nearly 150 persons.

In these disasters the warning of Scripture is fulfilled: death will come "as a thief in the night," uninvited, unannounced and without respect of person. If death were to overtake you today, would you be ready for the Judgment? The thought of death should prompt everyone to take the following recommendations to heart:

- 1. Never live a minute in mortal sin. Those who have the misfortune of falling into serious sin should say an act of Perfect Contrition immediately, and not wait until confession day, which may never come.
- 2. Know the act of Perfect Contrition from memory, and recite it before retiring, and especially when in danger of any kind
- 3. Strive to uproot habits of sin, by means of the Sacraments, the resary and self-denial, lest they take control of the will and bring the soul to supernatural death.

Servers Wanted Wednesday.

The Consecration ceremonies will bring many bishops and priests to the campus. A number of students will be needed to serve their Masses Wednesday morning. Those who wish to volunteer are asked to report to the Basement Chapel or the upper church about seven o'clock. The visitors will say their Masses between 7:00 and 9:00 o'clock.

Novena For Father O'Donnell.

A number of weeks ago, Father Hugh O'Donnell, CSC, former President of Notre Dame underwent a serious operation. He recovered from the operation, but his health is still very poor. Every loyal Notre Dame man will want to do his part in helping Father O'Donnell through this crisis in his life.

During the nine days of the Novena, offer your Mans and Communion for Father, and recite the prayer at the bottom of this Bulletin. The Novena will be made to Brother Andre, CSC, the "Miracle Man of Montreal," who died in 1937, and whose process of beatification is already underway. Since Brother Andre's great intercessor was St. Joseph, the Novena will begin on the Solemnity of St. Joseph, tomorrow. Keep the following prayer on your desk for the next nine days, and say it fervently.

> "O God, Thou who are most admirable in Thy saints, we petition You to grant us through the intercession of Brother Andre, the apostle of Saint Joseph, the favor we beg . . ., so that he may be glorified in the Church, and that we may be led to imitate his virtues. Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR RECOVERY OF FATHER HUGH ODONNELL C.S.C., CUT OUT AND SAY EVERY DAY DURING THIS NOVENA. (Recite one Our Father, Hail Mary, Blory Be to the Father)