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Don't delay your  
Christmas confession  
until the last minute.

These Will Be Happy On Christmas Day.

Every one who has made the days of Advent a preparation for the Birthday of Christ, their Savior. December 25 will be just another day for Catholics who have not prepared their minds and hearts for this occasion by prayer, Masses and Communions.

II.

Every father and mother who receives a Spiritual Bouquet as a Christmas gift from their Notre Dame son. A bouquet of prayers tells parents that their son has been trying to live a good life. This assurance is a consolation to every parent. Parents know that a praying son has a right sense of values--something which many other young men have lost. This too makes them glad to have brought a child into the world.

III.

Every student who makes the Christmas Novena for their parents. There is a keen sense of enjoyment in knowing that our efforts are appreciated.

IV.

Even the sinner who is trying will experience joy on Christmas Day, because he knows that alone he is lost, but with the Savior there is every hope of victory, if he never quits trying to love God with all his heart.

V.

The Holy Family will rejoice once more. Jesus, Mary and Joseph will recall the First Christmas, and talk about it. There will be new souls entering Heaven on Christmas Day; they will hear the story of Bethlehem from the Holy Family itself. From earth will come the prayers of millions of Catholics as they kneel at cribs in their churches. The Three cannot remain untouched by all this praise and love.

VI.

The poor will find a measure of happiness on Christ's Birthday, because they will remember more vividly than ever that God Himself was poor like them. They will remember, too, that the Savior loved the poor and inspired others to love them and to share their temporal goods with them.

(Two groups will not be happy Christmas Day: the souls in Hell-- they will never experience joy again for so much as a second, and those living in mortal sin. The latter have a chance for happiness if they return to God by sincere contrition, and confession, if they are Catholics.)

PRAYERS: (deceased) three friends of Bill Rogers (Z); Walter McBride, cousin of Edward Sweeney, (30); Henry Keefer, friend of Jack Molitor (Morr). Three Spec. Intentions.

CHRISTMAS NOVENA  
FOR PARENTS  
ADORATION  
3 TO 5 DAILY

