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Christmas carols will  
be sung after Benediction  
Sunday night.

### The First Crib.

Three years before he died, St. Francis of Assisi was inspired to construct a model of the Bethlehem scene. He fashioned the manger that the birth of our Saviour might be brought home more intimately to all the faithful.

To one of his closest friends, St. Francis said, "Make haste and prepare what I tell you. For I would make a memorial of that Child who was born in Bethlehem, and in some sort behold with bodily eyes His Infant hardships; how He lay in a manger of hay, with the ox and ass standing by. To this end therefore, go and prepare a crib, furnished with straw, and bring an ox and ass that it may resemble Christmas."

Then on Christmas Eve, after the crib was ready, all the followers of St. Francis, along with the people of the nearby towns, marched to the hills where the crib was prepared, singing carols on the way, like the angels who sang, "Glory to God in the highest," on the first Christmas day.

St. Francis stood before the manger overcome with tenderness and filled with joy. He himself preached to the people in most touching words concerning the birth of the Saviour of the world.

Every visit you make to the crib at Christmas time will do something to you. The scene is a means by which the Infant Christ will teach you something new and wonderful about Himself. Make more than one prayerful visit to the crib when you are home.

### Prevent Jam at Confessionals. Go Now.

Many students will want to make their Christmas confession here on the campus before leaving for home next week. Imagine the bottleneck at the boxes if everyone waits until a day before train time before approaching their confessor.

So, to give yourself and others a chance to make their confession leisurely, slip into the box this week or very early next week. There are confessions in the Basement Chapel of the church from 6:30 to 7:30 every evening, and after 7:30 in Dillon and Cavanaugh hall chapels.

<p>MY PLEDGE TO PREVENT THE ABUSE OF LIQUOR</p> <p>I promise, in memory of Our Lord's Thirst upon the Cross, and in reparation for past offences, to abstain from all intoxicating liquor until <i>my return from Christmas vacation</i></p> <p><i>George E. Egan</i> Hall 1125...</p> <p>Date <i>Dec. 11, 1947</i></p>
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There are pledge cards in the Dillon hall pamphlet room, in case you think you need to strengthen your will by this more solemn promise to avoid sin.