

The Christmas Spirit

A California woman recently received a letter from a stranger. When she opened the envelope she found a sizable check made out to her. Attached to the check was a note giving a partial explanation of this gift-giving. The note read: "Just because good and courteous drivers should be rewarded once in a while, I am enclosing a check as a token of thanks."

The recipient of the check was not acquainted with the writer, so she contacted the police. The investigation brought many things to light.

It seems that the check-writer had followed the California car for several miles. She found that the driver was careful at intersections and obeyed all traffic signals. She did not cut in and out of traffic at crossings, and she gave pedestrians a break. She took down the car's license plates and later discovered the owner's name and address.

When asked why this gift-giving, the woman explained that she always put aside a portion of her earnings to what she called a "do good" fund, and made awards to those whom she believed were deserving.

You can make your own application of this story if you wish. But we think it is in order for every student to remember that Christ has His "do good" fund too, and that on Christmas Day he makes generous awards to those who spend Advent in prayer, self-denial and in practicing virtue, no matter what the cost.

How much have you done to date as a preparation for Christmas? Have you been to Confession recently, and Communion? The Christmas Novena for Parents is now going on. Your Rosaries, Masses and periods of Adoration will become a gift for Christ as well as for your folks. If you begin the Novena tomorrow, you can complete it before you leave for home.

Your Old Clothes

Maybe before you shove off for your Christmas vacation you will discover in your wardrobe some articles of clothing that you never use. Just roll them up and leave them in the Dillon Hall Pamphlet Room. The Knights of Columbus made an effort to contact every room in the recent Clothes Drive. In case you were missed for some reason, bring your offerings to the Pamphlet Room. We have calls for women's and children's clothing too. The Clothes Drive really never ends. Old clothing is always welcome.

PRAYERS: (deceased) Mrs. Barbara Freas; Mrs. Frank Finkhousen, brother-in-law of Henry Balink (Dil); Harold Hinke, friend of Jack Wamsler (Merr); father of Callix E. Miller, '21, grandfather of Callix Jr. and James Miller (CC).

A Reminder

You have an obligation to arrive for the beginning of Sunday Mass. Set your alarm or see that someone will arouse you in ample time.



CHRISTMAS CONFESSTIONS NOW!