

Novena for Exams
begins tomorrow. If
you did not make the....

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.....Novena for the Holy Father
combine it with the one for
exams.

Weak Catholics!

The Holy Father in his Christmas message urges Church Unity for all. His appeal lends importance to the Church Unity Octave, which begins January 18. His fond hope is a return to the Church of Agnostics, lapsed Catholics and Atheists.

The Great Return must include the agnostic, "satisfied with a foolish notion of the universe;" the atheist, who declares a "ridiculous war" against Christ; the believer and weak Catholic, "whose flesh makes them traitors to their rightful duties and forgetful of the real treasures."

Of the weak Catholic the Holy Father said, "May the Holy Year mark the return to the Redeemer Jesus Christ for the souls allured by sinful attraction and living far from their Father's house. There are believers and Catholics whose spirit is weak....and who live in a continual sequence of desertion and lapses. THEY ARE WRONG IF THEY THINK THEY POSSESS THE CHRISTIAN LIFE AND ARE PLEASING TO GOD UNLESS SANCTIFYING GRACE DWELLS HABITUALLY IN THEIR SOULS."

To Your Roommate.

No more direct appeal could be made to your roommate (or to you) if he is not frequenting the Sacraments because he is not living in the state of grace habitually.

There are dozens of reasons why Notre Dame students on this campus do not attend daily Mass and receive Holy Communion frequently--for example, slavery to sensual habits, liquor, women, filthy literature, laziness. But there are no valid excuses. And there is a world of difference between a reason and an excuse.

Confessions in every hall, morning and evening; until 9:30 p.m. in Cavanaugh; until 10:00 p.m. in Dillon. Holy Communion until 9:30 a.m. in Cavanaugh; until 12 noon in Dillon. Now ask yourself: WHY AM I NOT A DAILY COMMUNICANT?"

"Bigots Have Fire Of Future Saints."

So said Monsignor Fulton J. Sheen in his opening address as the speaker on the Catholic Hour radio program. He called upon his hearers to pray for our persecutors.

"Despite the fact that there are probably more martyrs for the Faith since 1917 than during 250 years of the Roman persecution; despite the fact that in this evil hour, Hungarian and Polish and other priests are being crucified to the walls of their rectories, we must love our persecutors with a Christ-like love."

Referring to the bigots the Monsignor said, "It is not for us to judge these people. They must be left to God....They have passion and fire and God can do something with them which He cannot do with the tepid....If O r Lord did not love them (bigots), He never would have chosen Paul, who was one of the greatest of the bigots."

During the Church Unity Octave let us include within the charity of our prayers two of the most virulent bigots attacking the Church in our country today--namely, Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam and Mr. Paul Blanshard.

Results of NOVENA FOR THE HOLY FATHER: Masses--9,325; Holy Communion--9,489; Rosaries--9,614; Ejaculations--95,635; Visits to Blessed Sacrament--6,154. Total response to the Novena--748...You may still make this Novena privately. Hand in your spiritual offering to the Prefects of Religion. (76 expressed interest in the pilgrimage.)
Prayers: (Deceased) father of W. Zenner; Bishop Nicholas Corona, brother of Prof. Corona. Ill: mother of Rev. W. Higgins, CSC; father of W.J. Robinson, CSC; Rev. B. Swabey, S.J. brother of Joseph Gittlein (Wal).