

Prayers: Seriously ill, University of Notre Dame ..(Thanksgiving) 50th wedding  
Rev. Ernest Davis, C.S.C.; Religious Bulletin anniversary of parents of  
brother of Dick Coury (D11) May 4, 1950 Prof. Paul Stokely (Biology)

F I R S T F R I D A Y T O M O R R O W !

(Adoration: 8-5)

AND

N O V E N A F O R M O T H E R ' S D A Y B E G I N S !

Are There Two Hundred Men In The House?

That's the approximate number needed to make the show-up for May adoration, 11:00--1:00 (First Friday: 8-5), look even more respectable. Surely there are more than eleven seniors who have no 11 o'clock classes and have the time to pray for peace, jobs, happy marriage, etc. The best place for wasting time is in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

There has been a lot of unofficial talk making the rounds and not a few positive indications that the tension between this Country and Russia is dangerously strained. The Generals want the draft law extended and more rigorously enforced. Many seniors are really concerned, as one senior told us: "There were a good number of upper-classmen at the Solemn High Mass on May 1, and for very good reasons. We are beginning to worry!"

Let none of us say we weren't warned. The Blessed Mother appeared at Fatima and gave us a stern message that has taken too long to sink beneath our complacency. "If my requests are heard, Russia will be converted and there will be peace."

There is our message of hope. But just how attentively have we had the ears to hear? Some experts who seem to know and who indulge freely in prophetic snooping say war with Russia "is only a matter of time."

Whether you pray for peace or not, whether you show your devotion for Mary or let it lag, whether you receive Communion daily or infrequently--it is not a matter of time, BUT A MATTER FOR ETERNITY.

All of you who have gotten over the devastating experience of being high school graduates long ago, or only a short time ago, let's see more action. If you are packing a load of worries--shift the load to your knees. There is no reason at all why--not 200 men but 2000 men can't be on hand for Rosary and Benediction after lunch, why--not 200 men but 2000 men can't raise their voices and publicly sing the praises of Mary at the Grotto each night, Monday through Friday, at 6:45. We'll see whether this figure 2000 is an underestimate or an overestimate.

Impressive.

Many thanks to those who promoted May 1 devotions. The exceptionally large turn-out was a hearty display of manly faith and veneration for Mary. For those who were not there and who still want to make the 3 promises, 2 pledges and the renunciation, clip this Bulletin and take the formula to the Grotto. But don't destroy it. Keep it in your prayerbook or billfold. Renew it time and again.

"I promise to hear Mass on all Sundays and Holydays of Obligation....I promise to pray morning and night and in time of temptation....I promise to promote by word and example reverence for God's Holy Name, respect for Womanhood, and love of Christian purity....I pledge my loyalty to the flag of my Country and to the God-given principles of freedom and justice and happiness, for which it stands....I pledge my support to all lawful authority, both civil and religious....(Raise your right hand) I RENOUNCE SATAN WITH ALL HIS WORKS AND ALL HIS POMPS AND I ATTACH MYSELF TO JESUS CHRIST FOREVER...In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen."