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Novena For Fr. Francis Butler, C.S.C., Prefect, Alumni Hall.

This appeal for your prayers is directed to Alumni Hall in particular and to all halls in general. By this time you should know that Father Butler is ill. He knows just how ill he is. He also knows that he will not recover from the malignancy with which he is afflicted unless some miracle drug is discovered.

But this is not a request for a miracle drug, even though such a drug should be prayed for and would be a blessing. We ask you to join with us in a novena of Masses, Holy Communion and visits to the Grotto for Father Butler's recovery. We ask you furthermore to direct your prayers specifically to Father Moreau (saintly Founder of the C.S.C.s) for whose beatification the Congregation is praying. A first class miracle will speed his cause and keep Father Butler, who has spent all but one year of his priestly life in full measure of devotion to your service as professor, prefect and rector, with us for many, many years to come. . . if such be God's holy will.

Father Butler approved our giving you these intimate details of his illness so that this knowledge might add urgency to your prayers. If you wish to drop him a note of assurance, direct your letter to the Students Infirmary. Please clip the following prayer and say it daily for nine days beginning tomorrow:

God of wisdom and mercy, Who inspired Thy servant, Basil Moreau, to found the Religious and the Sisters of Holy Cross destined to save souls, we beseech Thee to glorify without delay this apostle of the Cross who for love of Thee suffered so many tribulations. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray Hard For Jim Aoki (Badin) and Brian Doherty (Dillon).

Both were injured in an auto accident during the holidays. Of the two Jim was the more critically injured, having suffered a probably severance of his spinal cord, which, if true and if he lives, will leave him paralyzed. Further details of the accident are not now available. (Will the John O'Brien who was in the accident kindly report to this office and give us more particulars.)

Phil McCartin, '50, Writes:

"Would you please include my name on the sick list. Recently, my ailment was diagnosed as TB. So I'm starting on the long road back to health. . . I realize how much the prayers of Our Lady's student body can assist so many of us. God bless all the Notre Dame family."

Second Notre Dame Casualty.

The death of Lt. William P. Finch, '49, has just been reported. He was killed in Korea, March 2. His is the second fatality of World War III. Remember him and his family in your best prayers.

Prayers: (deceased) mother of Prof. John Sheehan; Rev. Mark Merwick, O.S.B., '19; mother of Rev. Edward Aksomaitis (Ly); aunt of Prof. Vincent Smith; father of Rev. Burke Motsett, '31; father of Henry Pratt, '30; aunt of Rev. John Lane, C.S.C.; mother of Bob Moskal (Vv). Ill, sister of Bart Serrari (Vv); Revs. Charles Flynn, C.S.C. and Patrick Durkin, C.S.C.; Fred O'Brien; Mrs. Edward Beckman; Miss Pat Bailey and Mrs. Dwyer. 1 Thanksgiving for prayers.