

Mike Ellis (Dil) emergency
operation for appendicitis.

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First Friday: Holy Hour from
4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

First Saturday Tomorrow.

The Devotion of the First Saturdays is contained in the words of the Great Promise:

"I promise to help at the hour of death with the graces needed for their salvation whosoever, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess and receive Holy Communion; recite five decades of the Rosary and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary with the intention of making reparation to me." --Our Lady of Fatima

1. "Confess and receive Holy Communion." Communion, of course, must be made in the state of grace. The confession which is required is made under the usual conditions, within the week before or after Communion.
2. "Recite five decades of the Rosary." On Saturday. An appropriate time is after Communion as part of your thanksgiving. The fifteen minutes meditation must be on the mysteries of the Rosary. If you are taking the Sorrowful Mysteries, begin with the Agony in the Garden. . . Put yourself alongside Christ in the Garden. Use your imagination to fill in the details of the environment. . . Do the same for the other four.
3. "With the intention of making reparation to me." Make this intention. Once made it perdures, provided it is not revoked.

This Great Grace Not For Fools.

Of all the graces we pray for the one which is most important is the grace of final perseverance--dying in the state of grace. This assures us of salvation.

To die without the state of grace is to be guilty of final impenitence. Deliberately to postpone necessary confessions is to share already in the guilt of final impenitence. If you cannot understand how a man in his right mind can face death with unforgiven mortal sin on his soul, neither will you understand how he who is conscious of grave sin will gamble on God's mercy and live day after day, passing up opportunity after opportunity for going to confession. . . here or anywhere else,

"And I will say to my soul: Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years, take thy rest; eat, drink, make good cheer. . . But God said to him; Thou fool, this night do they require thy soul of thee: and whose shall those things be which thou hast provided? . . . So is he that layeth up treasures for himself, and is not rich towards God." --Luke: 12, 19-21.

"I Remember Mamma!"

If you did not start your novena for her this morning you have another chance to begin tomorrow. If you have no intentions of making this novena at all, write anyway and tell her Notre Dame is offering up 9 Masses. If your novena is in full swing, add 9 Masses to your spiritual bouquet. . . Another thing: if adorers do not win, place or show for May adoration--11 a.m. to 1 p.m., MWTF (Benediction at 1 o'clock)--exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be discontinued for lack of student cooperation. May adoration was begun in 1929 by seniors from Sorin Hall, which at that time was the citadel of spirituality on the campus. Since then Dillon has taken over. But that isn't working out either. Next year we'll try the Juniors.

(Will the Optomist who left his red suspenders in Dillon chapel please call for same. . . . Needed 204 questionnaires.)

Prayers: (deceased) kindly remember in your prayers Mr. Ernest M. Morris, benefactor and alumnus of Notre Dame, donor of the Morris Inn; also Bart Ferrari's sister.