

Ill, Mrs. Florence Grabb;	University of Notre Dame	<u>FIRST FRIDAY TOMORROW.</u> . .
mother of Bro. George, C.S.C.;	Religious Bulletin	First Friday Adoration 4:30
sister of Fr. Healy, C.S.C.	January 3, 1952	to 5:30.

Leap-ahead Year!

This is not intended as a reminder of Leap Year, as commonly understood. But it is intended to remind you that if "statistics" on frequent Communion reveal anything at all they reveal the most important demonstration of your love of Christ.

Taking a look at the 1600 daily average there is room to "leap ahead." Leap Year or no Leap Year. . . launch out into the deep.

Another Family Novena.

After your visit home you are more inclined now to remember how much you owe your parents. You are in debt to them. How well you acquitted that indebtedness during Christmas vacation is for you to answer.

There are a great many ways in which you can reduce your indebtedness. None is more effective than prayer and offering Mass and Holy Communion for your families.

The feast of the Holy Family is January 12. First Friday is January 4. From the 4th to the 12th is an interval of nine days. Time enough to squeeze in a novena.

If you made the Christmas novena for your parents, fine. You'll probably make this one too. If you are guilty of spiritual delinquency on this score, then make this novena serve a double purpose.

First Friday Tomorrow.

Reparation is the theme of First Friday devotions: reparation to the Sacred Heart for the injuries done to Our Lord in the wilful neglect, the blasphemies, the sacrileges that violate the love which keeps Our Lord with us in the Blessed Sacrament.

If you have no sins of the Old Year (or of the New Year for that matter) for which to offer reparation, offer your Holy Communion tomorrow--and make your adoration--for the sins of others.

The test of your love of your neighbor is how you serve him. All love tends to externalize itself. The spirit and the service of REPARATION is an act of love. God promised Abraham that He would spare Sodom and Gomorrah if ten just could be found in those cities.

If God is still sparing our world the horror of a third World War it may well be because of the prayers of the just, particularly the devout Communions and the quiet adoration of those who leave the world to serve God alone.

If you are going to confession. . . go tonight. And remember the First Friday program:

- a. Mass and Communion in your own hall chapel;
 - b. Holy Hour 4:30 to 5:30 in the Main Church;
 - c. The first day of the Novena for your family.
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A point to remember: As long as you are aware of your obligation to contribute to the social reconstruction of society you will at the same time become even more aware of your personal need to reconstruct your mind and heart in the true Christian spirit. Pius XI said that the longed-for social reconstruction (of society) must be preceded by a profound renewal of the Christian spirit. . . "Otherwise, all our endeavors will be futile, and our social edifice will be built, not upon a rock, but upon shifting sand."

Prayers: (deceased) Bro. Joel, C.S.C.; father of Ben and Bud Brunetti; sister of Sr. M. Petronilla, C.S.C.; Mr. Steve Gavin; father of Bro. George, C.S.C. 3 sp. ints.