

Novena for exams! . . . God
never makes a mistake. . .

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You never make a mistake
asking God to help you.

Special Request For Your Prayers.

"Dear Father: Will you please request the prayers of the student body for my wife Mary Jane. She is seriously ill with a blood infection following the birth of our sixth child, our second boy. We hope to send both boys to Notre Dame some day.

"The prayers of our relatives and friends have worked wonders so far and we feel that continued prayer will eventually bring about my wife's complete recovery. . . Wish I were able to visit the Grotto. . ." --James A. M. _____, '37.

Chair of Unity Octave.

The annual observance of the Chair of Unity Octave, a period of prayer for the return of separated Christians to union with the Holy See and for the conversion of non-Christians, is conducted from January 18, Feast of St. Peter's Chair at Rome, to January 25, Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

All this started in Long Island over 45 years ago. The Rev. Paul James Francis Wattson, S.A., founder of an Episcopalian religious community on Franciscan lines at Graymoor Monastery in Garrison, N.Y., was invited to address a deanery meeting of his Anglican confederates in a small rural town of Long Island. They were concerned with gathering additional funds for the foreign missions.

However, for some time Father Paul, as he was called, had studied and prayed over the position of St. Peter in God's plan for His Church. Before the astonished clergymen he launched a fiery appeal for Church Unity and declared that their only hope was to fix their gaze on the successor of St. Peter and beg for the light and strength to walk into the Church of God.

This sermon aroused furious opposition. So much so that Father Paul was unable to develop and complete his theme. But he continued his propaganda through the monthly magazine called the Lamp.

In the latter part of 1907 Father Paul called for widespread prayer for unity with the See of Peter. The best time for this was between January 18 and 25. We discovered that the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul was observed eight days after the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter at Rome. The time interval was eight days--an Octave.

By October 30, 1909 the small Anglican community of the Society of the Atonement was received into the Catholic Church, the first fruits of what is now observed throughout the entire Church as the Chair of Unity Octave.

Hand In Names.

Each year Notre Dame observes the Chair of Unity Octave. We have the local custom of placing on the altar the names of persons for whom we wish the grace of faith, recommending them in this way to the prayers of the students making the Octave, and bringing them to the attention of the priest who celebrates eight Masses for Church Unity. (Deposit the names in the boxes at the three pamphlet racks.)

There are few students here who do not have among their acquaintances non-Catholics: a mother or brother, girl friend or buddy, an uncle or aunt. If you know a non-Catholic student on campus deposit his name. Unite your personal prayers, Masses and Communion with the daily general intentions of the Octave.

Prayers: (deceased) Leon J. Maguire, '17; friend of Gerard Voit; Father Lauck's brother, killed in Korea; uncle of Rev. John J. Murphy, C.S.C.; uncle of Neil MacFarland; Operation, John Fontana, '28; convalescing, Sr. Mary St. Carolyn, B.V.M. 10 sp. ints. (13th anniversary Mass tomorrow for Father Farley, requested by Mary McNamara.)