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A Good Investment.

By now, you must have noticed that we are asked to pray for many intentions at the Masses on Sunday, and in the Bulletin. These requests for prayers come from Alumni, and friends of Notre Dame all over the nation. They depend upon you. When they were younger and in good health, they got down on their knees and prayed for others who requested help. Now, they are in need of assistance, and turn to you.

Be generous in your charity of prayers. Some day, when the Hand of the Lord is laid upon you, somehow God will let us know about it here. And it will be comforting for you to know that there will be thousands on their knees here at Notre Dame, praying for you.

As Commerce men would say: "It's a sound investment; latch on to it!"

You Don't Have To Be Invited.

While it is very edifying to see one priest serving another's Mass, that should never happen at Notre Dame. You have the privilege of serving; take advantage of it. You don't have to wait for a formal invitation; come up and serve. And if you don't know how to serve, join the Mass-serving group in your hall to learn the prayers and the rubrics. No one ever gets too big, or too old, or too important to serve Mass.

Brother Boniface, the sacristan, would like Mass servers to assist at the 6:30 and 7:00 o'clock Masses in the Basement Chapel of Sacred Heart Church. Sorin, St. Ed's, Cavanaugh, and Zahm halls are nearest to the Basement Chapel, and have always provided servers in the past. This year should be no exception -- if the men are as sturdy as their predecessors.

Is It Your Case, Too?

"Father, I rarely, if ever, miss my night prayers; but I can never remember to say prayers in the morning. I'm always half-asleep, it seems; or in such a hurry when I wake up that I rush off without ever averting to God. What can I do to acquire the habit of regular morning prayers?"

This You Can Do. . .

To form a habit, you must repeat the action many times. Our habitual actions are done with the greatest of ease -- even automatically at times.

You might try this -- paste a small copy of the Morning Offering prayer on your wash cabinet. There it will remain, confronting you each morning as you comb your hair, or brush your teeth -- a persistent reminder, a brief attention, to offer to God the entire day unfolding before you. This is an excellent morning prayer, even for the busiest of people. In time, it will become automatic. You may even find yourself repeating it several times during the day -- and that will be all right, too. Maybe it is somewhat naive in sophisticated quarters -- but any means that sanctifies your entire day cannot be lightly dismissed.

Ill: Mr. Ferdinand Heinrich asks prayers for his son (polio); Joe Azar of Dillon asks prayers for his uncle; Father Laskowski shows improvement. Pray for him.