Sunday Afternoon, you are invited to the Eucharistic Hour. . .

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. . . in School Field, South Bend, at 2 p.m.

Monday Is Founder's Day.

Monday is the Feast of St. Edward, King and Confessor, and patron of the founder of Notre Dame, Father Edward Sorin. It will be observed as a quasi-holiday: that means a change in schedule, and a day off from classes. This calls for: 1) late rising; 2) breakfast as on Sunday; and the usual late facilities for Confession and Communion until 9:00 in Cavanaugh, Howard, and Dillon halls. Stop in on you way to breakfast.

Solemn Mass at 9:00 in Sacred Heart Church. Father Francis Cavanaugh, C.S.C., will preach briefly on our founder, and on Notre Dame traditions.

October Devotions -- Rosary and Benedictions at 5:00 p.m.

Why The Holiday?

Because we think it worth taking time off to commemorate the magnificent courage, faith, and hard work of the venerable founder of Notre Dame.

What you enjoy on the campus today is the fruit of his limitless confidence in the Blessed Virgin. The Grotto, the Dome, the Lady Chapel -- are but three of Father Sorin's thanksgiving memorials to Mary. She was his best friend; She guided him in everything he did. For Her he built Notre Dame; or She built it for him. It's true, either way you look at it.

Many of you will be away. But those of you who remain here should visit these shrines, even say a decade of the Beads in place of Father Sorin -- that Our Lady's blessing may continue on his work. You might even stroll through the woods to the Community Cemetery, and study the crosses that mark the graves of the founder and his companions. Such monuments as the simple white crosses are impressive only in their austerity, as dictated by Community rules of the Congregation of Holy Cross. But these brave men, grown old in the service of God's Mother, sleep the sleep of peace within the shadow of the monument they raised to Her. As you read their names in the hush of that little plot of God's acre, ask God to give you the courage and strength required to live out in your own lives the lessons which these men taught.

This should be a day for recalling the past. You can best do this by taking a walk around the lakes. Admire the lovely atmosphere in which you live. Only God Himself knows how many times these pioneers trod the same paths, whispering their Beads, hoping that their dreams would someday be realized. There isn't a square foot in all our 1700 acres of campus that has not been sanctified by the prayers and aspirations of men who loved God and His Blessed Mother. Today we are reaping the harvest of these men who had strong hearts, and stronger faith. If Notre Dame is a Great place in the estimation of the contemporary world, it is largely because of Father Sorin and his companions whom we commemorate on this Monday, the Feast of St. Edward.

Deceased: Father Mendez's aunt (in Spain); grandmother of Bob Bloom (Alumni); Mother of Jim, '48 and Bill, '49 Martagh (accident).

Ill: In the charity of your prayers, remember Dr. Charles T. Baillie, of South Bend, who has befriended Notre Dame in many ways for many years.

Tomorrow Morning -- Play your part of the game. We start in chapel.