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They're Real, Notre Dame Men

You have a spirited team, this year. It is conditioned, and fast, and rugged. Best of all, its members have big hearts; and here's a story to prove it:

Just before the Purdue game, word came from Warm Springs, Georgia, that Marty O'Connor, former Notre Dame great now afflicted with polio, would never walk again. This brave athlete took the doctors' report in stride, without a whimper, and said: "God knows what He's doing." The team was asked to remember Marty, to play the following day's game for him and in his honor, even to present him with a victory. You know the rest - a 37-7 gift. And that's not all; for members of the team autographed the ball and sent it on to Marty as a remembrance of the game they played and won for him.

Tomorrow they open the home season. As is their custom, they'll be at Mass and Communion. Then Captain Penza will lead them in the Litany, and Act of Consecration. It is no secret that the team prays -- prays to escape injury; and for courage to play hard and clean; and for as much victory as is good for Notre Dame. Finally, they will be blessed individually with a relic of the True Cross, and given the medal to wear in tomorrow's game. Every game is dedicated to Our Blessed Mother under a particular title. Tomorrow it will be "Our Lady of Fatima."

By their courage, and loyalty, and brilliance, they'll make you proud of them. They will start off the day for you tomorrow with Mass and Communion. Will you do as much for them? They'll appreciate this little sacrifice on your part.

Don't Miss The Basket Sunday

Throughout the nation in all Catholic churches, this Sunday, the offering will be taken up for the Propagation of the Faith. This is the society charged with the care of the missions throughout the world. Our Holy Father calls it: "The charity which surpasses all other charities as heaven surpasses earth, and eternity, time."

Bishop Fulton Sheen says: "Each time you give something in the Name of Our Lord, you wash your hands of some of your sins. Each time you sacrifice something in the Name of Our Crucified Lord, you scar your hands with love, as He kept His scars after the Crucifixion." Be a partaker in His sufferings, this Sunday. Give!

Remembering Old Friends

The nine o'clock Mass, this Sunday in Sacred Heart Church, will be offered for the souls of the five Notre Dame men who died last year -- Gerald Kranz, Robert Herlihy, Joe Conwell, Jim Morath, and John Yankiss. It is fitting that the family of Notre Dame look after its own. Remember them in your own prayers at Mass this Sunday.

Good Manners Make Good Sports

Tomorrow, you play hosts to thousands of visitors -- for whom Notre Dame, and Notre Dame men, are synonymous with all that is tops in politeness, courtesy, and good sportsmanship. Give substance to their opinion. Be good sports at the game. Follow the cheerleaders; and let no one cheapen your section by any undignified antics. You're on parade -- just as much as the team is on parade. The team plays according to rules: you should do the same. See to it that you work as hard in the stands as does the team on the field. Beat Pitt!!

PRAYERS: Deceased: friend of Jack McGraw of Howard; aunt of Bro. Clement, CSC; grandmother of Ray Kreber of Alumni. Ill: son of Dr. Dodson of Biology (polio); mother of Ed. Kern of Dillon; father of John Bounig, '52 (polio); Art Sullivan, '27.