

Tonight at 6:45, The
Novena to the Sorrowful
Mother.

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Tomorrow, the team will be
grateful for your good
prayerful support.

The Best Part Of The Day

Not long ago, a member of the Class of '51, now in service, wrote rather wistfully of life here on the campus, of the school, and what it has meant to him to be a graduate of Notre Dame. Of the spiritual side he confessed:

"When I attended Notre Dame, I don't think I half appreciated the opportunities I had. I spent four glorious years under the golden wing of my loving Mother, every minute of which will live in my heart forever; I guess it is always the same with all Notre Dame men. The opportunities and graces offered me never looked so good or beautiful as they do now, when I can't have them. I never half took advantage of these graces, and I do regret it now. Here in the South, especially Georgia, the opportunities of going to Mass and Communion are very infrequent. I am lucky we have a good Chaplain and a daily Mass here. I miss the ease of the bounty of Grace I had offered me at Notre Dame; so now I try to attend Mass every day that I can. Perhaps someday, I can live up to the tradition that Notre Dame has given me. I never thought I'd miss Notre Dame so much, but I do. I thank God that I had the blessed fortune of sharing it with the Fathers of Holy Cross; and I hope I can live up to all that Our Blessed Lady expects of me as a Notre Dame man..."

There it is. Take it for what it is worth -- one man's opinion, and one man's experience after leaving the campus. Were he to re-live his four years here, it's pretty obvious that he would pay more attention to the spiritual side of Notre Dame life.

Sometimes the value of the worthwhile things in life comes home to us only after we have been separated from them. Are you letting the best part of the day go unnoticed? Do you come up to the evening of each day here with empty hands -- when your hands might well be filled with God's grace, and the merits of good prayers?

The Novena for the Poor Souls began Tuesday morning. You were asked to jot down the names of deceased relatives and friends -- so that they might share in the fruits of nine Masses offered expressly for them. You were asked to bolster this charity with your own Communion, Masses, and Rosaries. At Notre Dame, these things are possible at no great sacrifice whatsoever on your part.

The increase in Communion was hardly noticed -- over and above the hundreds who receive regularly. One might be led to believe that many of you had no antecedents; and that conclusion hardly makes sense. Who among you can say that he has no relatives or friends in Purgatory! Don't wait until you are an Alumnus to start leading a Notre Dame life. Read again the paragraph quoted above.

Sunday: Family Rosary And Open House

Again, this Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m., the Student Senate is sponsoring the Family Rosary in Sacred Heart Church, followed by an open house at the Student Center. The special guests will be the nursing school. Last time, there were more girls than boys on hand -- a very odd circumstance at Notre Dame!!

The High Mass, Sunday at 9 a.m., will be offered for the repose of the soul of the mother of George Groble - at the request of the football squad.

PRAYERS - Deceased: Dr. Walter Sullivan, '32; grandmother of Joe Azar of Walsh Hall; friend of Bob O'Leary (Off-Campus). Ill: father of Joe McClynn of Serin hall; brother of Jay Henderson of Morrissey hall; Bill Kane, '53. 3 Sp. Intentions.