

University of Notre Dame

Tomorrow: Fatima Devotions
for the First Saturday of
the month in private.

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Sunday: Mass in each hall
chapel at the hour deter-
mined by the Rector.

A Feast For "Fighting Irish"

Tonight at the Pep Rally, you'll hear fighting words about the Fighting Irish -- words that honor them, and explain their victory spirit, and drive them into a fighting frenzy for tomorrow's game. It will be good. Don't miss it.

In this month of October, we are reminded of another element characteristic of the Irish Faith -- something that you should not overlook, if the best traditions of the Fighting Irish mean anything at all to you. Here it is:

"Those who know the history of Ireland best tell us that it was the Family Rosary that saved Ireland for the Faith. In the troubled times, it saved many a mother from despair, and it strengthened many a son to bear the trials that grew with the lengthening days. From the Irish home, the Rosary was inseparable. The absent from home were always remembered in the minds and hearts of those who tell the mysteries on their Beads. May it ever be so! The Rosary, learned early in life at the evening gathering of the family, became a sharer in their joys. It was a solace in time of sorrow. It was their strength in time of temptation.

"Is your Rosary missing from your pocket now? In war time, it is not safe to travel in the war zone without a gas mask, nor on the sea without a life belt. Your life is a warfare -- you are always in the war zone. Your Rosary is your mask and your preserver. Your boyish troubles are but breakers in the sea of life; yet your temptations can be severe. Your Rosary is your life belt. If you are without it, you have neither mask nor belt -- and that isn't being very wise."

The Family Rosary may also, one day, save America for the Faith. Notre Dame men, thanks to the efforts of Archbishop O'Hara, have led in popularizing daily Communion. Let them lead, too, in this matter of the nightly Rosary in American family life! A great beginning has been made by another Notre Dame man -- Father Patrick Peyton, CSC -- who is devoting his life to this project. He has enlisted the interest and support of millions of Catholic homes in this devotion.

October -- the month of the Rosary -- offers a splendid time to inaugurate this devotion in each hall on campus. Sunday, incidentally, is the Feast of the Rosary, and provides the occasion to get going. There will be public Rosary devotions in Sacred Heart Church at 1:15 as there is every first Sunday of the month -- an old, Notre Dame tradition.

Novena To The Sorrowful Mother

Tonight at 6:45, we begin the Novena to the Sorrowful Mother. It continues every Friday evening of the schoolyear; takes about 25 minutes, and is geared to permit you to attend at no sacrifice to other obligations. For example, the Pep Rally will wait until the Novena services are completed. Start this Friday evening.

Sunday Mass -- This coming Sunday, and on every Sunday following home football games, there will be a Mass in each hall chapel at the time determined by the Rector of the hall. Watch the bulletin board for the scheduled Mass in your hall. Be on time!

PRAYERS REQUESTED - Deceased: Edward Sproules; grandmother of Bill Hoffman (O-C).
Ill: Mrs. Mike Moore (Students Accounts).