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BLOOD DONORS NEEDED. How about stopping by 117 Dillon to make arrangements.

ADORATION DURING MAY. The office-seekers and room-hunters will soon give way to a canvasser who'll come knocking. He will ask you to spend a half hour before the Blessed Sacrament once a week during the month of May. Some of the benefits of Adoration have been expressed as follows: "It is an opportunity to think with a clear mind, not bothered by any external influence." "Helped me to know my own personal emptiness and unworthiness." "It's the best place to subdue a fear of failure, and find comfort." "There I feel God is nearer. It calms me down." "I have learned to 'talk it over' with Our Lord before the Blessed Sacrament."

● **THE NOVENA** for your mother will begin May 1 and continues through May 9. The significance of Mother's Day is deeper than the cards, the candy, the carnations, the week-end at home on the second Sunday of May. All these are but the external expression of our year-long love of our mothers. All good mothers accept them as a tribute to the vocation of motherhood. Help your mother to fulfill her vocation during the novena by going to the Blessed Mother to ask her assistance for your mother.

● **PRAYERS.** Deceased: Fr. Richard D. Murphy, C.S.C.; father of Gerard Sachsels of Dillon; grandmother of Wayne Faist of Alumni; friend of Phil Loretan of Lyons; friend of Jose Del Valle of Zahm; Joseph Artim; son of John Murphy, '41; Mrs. John R. Condon. Ill: Friend of Charles Fernald of Lyons; William Riley, '53.

● **ONE OF THE MOST UNUSUAL** admonitions ever given a couple at their marriage was given to baseball "immortal", John J. McGraw, and his bride. The priest, Fr. Cornelius Thomas, began, "You have come to this altar to ask the blessing of God and His Church on the love of your hearts; to utter before Him your vows of fidelity; and to receive from Him assurance of His Paternal regard and loving affection. Let selfishness be no barrier to your happiness, but understand that each must often give up much, renounce himself. For you know that it is the sacrifice hit that adds to the number of runs and wins the game."

● **WHEN ST. AUGUSTINE** said, "Love God and do what you will," he took it to be obvious that if we really love God, our only desire will be to do what He wills.

● **ST. AUGUSTINE** also said, "God justified one man at the last moment (on the Cross) that none might despair, but only one that none might presume."

● **BETWEEN BOUTS** WITH a soon-to-be-due thesis, seniors are also turning over in their heads such ideas as these: "Home cooking is something many a wife ain't, when she oughta be." And, "If you want to get back on your feet in a hurry, just skip a car payment."




SOME HAVE ASKED how the ushers are chosen for Sacred Heart Church. For a number of years, the Notre Council of the Knights of Columbus have provided the ushers for Sunday Mass there. The Knights are now conducting their last membership drive for this year. Anyone who is interested, should stop at the Council chambers.



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PRAYER

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord!
And let perpetual light shine upon him.
Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on him;
Immaculate Heart of Mary pray for him;
St. Joseph friend of the Sacred Heart
pray for him.
Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord!
And let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. Amen.



"MAY GOD REWARD YOU, Father." With these words many penitents conclude their confession. As a wish and a prayer, they are, indeed, consoling words. Words of this sort have a way of coming to mind at a time such as this. For Father Richard Murphy, this prayer has been realized; God has rewarded him.

After much pain and suffering, which was with him daily since October, the Angel of Death came for him early Saturday morning. Just as the night was coming to an end, so, too, did the life of one we had all come to admire very much, end.

An April snow fell as he was carried to his place of final rest in the little cemetery on the way to St. Mary's. The fleeting snow was a reminder of how fleet is life for all of us.

The Alleluias of Easter had been ringing in our ears all week long. And repeatedly Our Lord's words echoed through the Masses: "I am the Good Shepherd. The good shepherd giveth his life for his sheep."

We do not often think of a priest in the teaching apostolate as exercising so much the function of shepherd, and yet in a very real sense, Fr. Murphy was a shepherd, carefully assembling each year's student body.



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IN THIS WORK, he was a faithful and wise servant. And as the years passed, his feeling of responsibility for the University's academic growth increased and grew stronger.

We might have wished that his years of useful service had been longer. But the plans of God were different. But God's summons did not find him unprepared. As on his ordination day, nearly twenty-five years ago, he had answered, "I am here. I am ready," Again on the last day of his earthly priestly life he answered again, "I am here. I am ready."

I have no doubt that he appeared before the judgment seat of God, not as one who had wasted or

buried the talents conferred upon him, but as a good and faithful servant who had employed in the service of his Master all the gifts of mind and heart which he had received from the Creator.

God has a way of shielding from our eyes the knowledge of whether Father Murphy needs our prayers. But let us pray for him, nevertheless, because we were very much in his debt while he was alive.

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