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- SUNDAY'S MASS should draw your attention once more to the most perfect of all models for family life--the life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in their home at Nazareth. Pray with the Church that you may learn from the example of home life set forth by the Holy Family, so that you may come at last to enjoy with them the eternal home that awaits you in heaven. Pay attention to the exhortation of St Paul in the Epistle. He is pointing up the virtues that are especially needed in home life. And when you approach the altar at Communion time, pray that you might follow the example of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, so that they might welcome you when you die into their heavenly home.
- TUESDAY marks the first anniversary of the death of Tony Champagne. Remember him at Mass on that day.
- THE NOVENA FOR SUCCESS in the Examinations begins on Monday. If the number of pink slips at Mid-Semesters is an indication of how things are going, many are going to be needing a few prayers. If you don't need them yourself, offer them up for the man who does need them. Or offer them up in the hope that everyone will be just a little more considerate of the need for quiet during the exam period.
- TONIGHT AT 7:30, members of the Third Order of St Francis will gather for the Annual Devotions before the Crib in Sacred Heart Church. All who haven't yet visited the Crib are encouraged to do so tonight. On Sunday, January 8, at 4:00 P.M. in the Blue and Gold Room of the Student Center, the Third Order of St Francis will hold its monthly meeting.
- THE CHANGES IN THE RUBRICS of the Missal, which went into effect last Sunday, will be most noticeable at Communion time. Now, the Confiteor and the prayers of absolution before Holy Communion are omitted when Holy Communion is distributed during Mass. Therefore, the faithful should be prepared to approach the altar rail as soon as the celebrant has consumed the Precious Blood.
- COPIES OF the American Hierarchy's 1960 Plea for Personal Responsibility are available in the Pamphlet Room in Dillon.
- PRAYERS. Deceased: Rev. Francis J. Boland, C.S.C., former Prefect of Discipline; Rev. Speer Strahan, formerly of the English Dept.; father of Maurice, '42, and Thomas J. Kelly, '49; Joseph M. Suttner, '19; uncle of Bill Rigali of Alumni; father of Dan Allen of Sorin; grandmother of John Keegan of Sorin; Thomas Ryan; friend of Rev. Edward Keller, C.S.C.; Lynda Lee Barry; mother-in-law of Prof. Andrew Smithberger of the English Dept. Ill: Father of David Porterfield of St. Joseph Hall; John P. Doyle, '57 (auto accident); grandmother of Carl Niemann, Off-Campus. One Special Intention.

GOOD INTENTIONS often get shelved and are forgotten as quickly as the January thaw comes and goes. Most of you returned with good intentions of getting down to work and completing the papers that are still to be finished or reviewing for examinations. It remains to be seen how well these intentions are pursued. In the past, remember, it took only a movie or a magazine or a loquacious neighbor to get many to abandon a good intention.

DURING THE HOLIDAYS, you probably defended what you're doing here many times over. You probably insisted along with the rest of us that the real business of a university man is learning. You argued that the test of a school is what happens to the students there that wouldn't have happened otherwise. Learning. Learning what is important. Learning to keep on learning. And learning to care about the great and important issues. These you insisted are at the center of every student's life, and of every teacher's.

LIKE ALL THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN HERE before you, you have the opportunity, beginning Monday, to make a special effort to increase God's grace in your soul, for the purpose of enabling you to do your work as a student in the best way possible every day, but especially during the time of examinations. No Novena for Examinations is going to supply you with the knowledge that should have been acquired in the course of the semester. The Novena, however, can help you to see more clearly what you have been studying, and maybe recall it more precisely. But

it's no substitute for study. You know that by now. But, if you're intent on making the best possible showing out of self-respect and a sense of justice to your parents, then you will make the Novena and pray that you'll do the best you're able to do.

TO HELP clarify your motives and intentions during the nine days, make it a practice to say the following prayer.

PRAYER FOR
SUCCESS
IN THE
EXAMINATIONS

O Lord and Lifegiver, enable me to understand the pattern of human life, in whose early years I now stand.

Confirm in me a trust in Divine Providence which rules all things sweetly.

By Thy gift of Counsel take away the limitations on my soul which make it timid and uncertain, and give me the strength to be constant and devoted in the cause of truth.

Help me to be numbered among the merciful as through the gift of Counsel I see the Divine pattern which gives meaning to human life.

Illumine the sorrows of human existence in the light of Divine destiny, so that I shall accept disappointments and loss with a serene soul.

Enlighten me to appreciate that no triumphs in this life are worthwhile unless they bring me closer to Thee Who, with the Father and the Son livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.