

Spiritual Boquets vs. Brickbats.

The Bengalese as for the seminary reads: "Say it with bricks." Bricks are good, properly placed. The Bengal seminary needs lots of them. Notre Dame needs them, too, but as bricks, not as brickbats.

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A brickbat indiscretely hurled right now might have disastrous consequences. You are interested in the defense of Notre Dame. At the present stage of the game prayer will do more than anything else for that defense. There is a legal course of defense, which should be followed scrupulously. There is a divine course of defense which begins and ends with prayer.

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Offer Holy Communion tomorrow for the welfare and prosperity of Notre Dame. You have shown your eagerness to fight for her: your eagerness made you rush into a trap prepared for you. Be just as eager to pray for her. Show God your good will by a full report at the altar-rail tomorrow morning.

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Be in the state of grace. While your first concern is for Notre Dame, your first duty of charity is towards yourselves. Hatred stalks the streets and lies in wait for you by day and by night. While we pray to be delivered from tragedy, especially the awful tragedy that lurks as a possibility when hatred stalks abroad, we must be prepared.

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Carry your beads and say them for Notre Dame. Let your hand slip into your pocket at odd moments and finger the Hail-Marys; look to the Golden Lady on the Dome and ask her not to forget us in our trials. She has brought us safe through many a crisis. "Never was it known," says St. Bernard, "that any one who sought her help was left unaided."

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Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week are Rogation Days, days of prayer for temporal blessings -- good crops, peace and plenty. On these three mornings a procession moves from the Church to bless the fields at the dawn of day. Give these days to Notre Dame-- offer Holy Communion for her intentions.

John F. O'Hara, C.S.C.,
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