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Rosary Indulgences Begin at Noon Today.

The "toties quoties" indulgences of the feast of the Most Holy Rosary begin at noon today. This means that from noon today until tomorrow evening, students who have received the Sacraments today or tomorrow may gain a plenary indulgence for the Poor Souls each time they make a visit to the church and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. The prayer suggested is five Our Fathers and Five Hail Marys.

Great is the Reward.

The renowned and experienced and very wise Capuchin who conducted the retreat for the community at Notre Dame this summer had this to say of our three classes of students: "We get our earthly satisfaction out of the bright ones, our three meals a day out of the mediocre ones, and our reward in heaven out of the dumb ones."

A Great Feast Tomorrow.

Those who receive Holy Communion only on the great feasts of the Church should not miss tomorrow, the feast of the Rosary, the prayer that did more than any other for the upbuilding of Notre Dame. When the fire of 1879 wiped out most of the building here, Father Sorin sent the students home and set the whole community to work cleaning bricks. He himself took part in this work, but time and again he laid aside his trowel to say the beads, which his experience in forty years as a priest had taught him were powerful in their intercession. In September the present Main Building was ready for students.

Christian Simplicity.

This the intention for the month of October recommended by the Holy Father for the League of the Sacred Heart. It is a highly desirable thing, and Notre Dame is a good place for its cultivation. (We are speaking of Christian simplicity, not the more popular kind.) The simple man is direct in his dealings with God and his neighbor; he does not lie, he does not evade, he does not pretend, he thinks and speaks charitably of others.

A Primer of the Spiritual Life.

Supernatural Merit is the title of a little book that can give you a start on the positive side of your spiritual life. Students who are interested in the cultivation of virtue (and the fight for the acquisition of virtue is usually more stimulating than the fight against vice) should know this book thoroughly. A new supply of copies has reached the Sorin Hall pamphlet rack.

A Thief is a Thief.

Cheating is stealing, and a thief is a thief. It makes no difference whether you take it out of a bank or your mother's cracker jar at home, or whether you crawl in through the back window of the street car to avoid paying fare: a thief is a thief. You may be smart, but you are not honest. And if you lift another's slicker in church with the intention of keeping it -- that is, if you steal it -- you add sacrilege to your accomplishments. A thief is a thief, and he does not belong with honest men.

Prayers.

Vincent Carney's condition is hopeful, but he suffers a great deal, and he is not out of danger. Say a prayer for the boys who are nursing infections down at the hospital. Three other sick persons are recommended to your prayers.