

Religious Bulletin
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Hidden Fans.

The staunchest supporters of the football team at Notre Dame have never seen a game, they have never cheered the team to victory, they have never taken part in a rally before or after the game. And yet they have, for years and years, before you were born, many of them, given the team the strongest support that can be given. They are the nuns in the kitchen and the laundry and the sewing room -- the Sisters of Holy Cross in the Convent here at Notre Dame, the Sisters who have worked and prayed for you and your fathers and grandfathers who attended this school, for the Notre Dame men who have gone before, the Sisters who say an extra rosary every day to keep you in good health and ward off pestilence.

How many of you would be willing to spend the whole time of the game in the Chapel? That's what the Sisters do, time and time again. And when the word comes that the other team has scored on Notre Dame, more candles are lighted and more rosaries are said. There is no radio in the convent for the Sisters to sit around and follow the game; there is no grid-graph; there are no cheer leaders. The waits are long; the thrills are few -- but the time passes quickly because it is passed with their best friends -- with God and His Blessed Mother and His Saints.

These are not the only nuns who pray the Notre Dame teams to victory, but you can bet that none of the hidden fans who pray nor our boys are more earnest and effective than our own, because none of them can feel quite the same about it. Our boys are their boys; they have dedicated their lives to their service. That's why there is joy in the kitchen and laundry and clothes room when Notre Dame wins.

Don't forget to pray for those who work and pray so hard for you.

Prayers.

Jos. Dockendorfs asks prayers for his uncle, a priest, who is in failing health. Two persons who are sick are urgently recommended to your prayers; please include in them also three special intentions.

General Communion For Seniors.

The term "General Communion" is avoided at Notre Dame, because it is the policy of the University to try to develop the consciousness in the individual of his duties to God independently of any social pressure to worship, which always carries with it the danger that when the social pressure is removed the individual will lapse into some degree of paganism. At the request of the Senior Class, however, the term is used to give stability to an appeal for prayers for the spiritual and temporal needs of the Missions; the Class asks its members to unite in a General Communion for this intention next Sunday, which has been designated by the Holy Father as Mission Sunday.

The initiative of the Seniors in asking permission to sponsor the appeals for the Missions this year is highly praiseworthy, and it is certainly to be hoped that it will stimulate the other classes to individual and collective effort in this and other good causes.

What do Mothers Teach Their Kids Nowadays?

There are certain things that only a mother can teach a child properly; at least that is what we used to think. And those of us who were brought up by old-fashioned mothers are wont to wonder what mothers teach their kids nowadays when they see boys well-clad but lacking in self-respect; when we see them, for instance, sneaking into a dance through the back door or over a barbed wire fence.-- sponging.