

The Novena Begins Tomorrow.

The Novena to the Little Flower begins tomorrow. Besides the Sorin chapel, there are two other centers of this devotion on the campus, the basement chapel and the chapel in Morrissey Hall. (The latter is dedicated to the Little Flower.) Booklets containing the Novena prayers will be found in the front pews of these three chapels. Leave your intentions in the box designated for that purpose at the pamphlet rack. Add the following intentions to those previously announced:

1. Student health - that there be no deaths this year.
2. Silver Jubilee thanksgiving for the decree on daily Communion.
3. The spread of daily Communion.

Bunk Fatigue For Van.

Five years ago last July 4 a good Notre Dame man met with a very bad accident, Van Wallace, a freshman in engineering the previous year, broke his neck while making a shallow dive. Since that time he has been paralyzed. With more than five years in bed now to his credit, Van hasn't given up and doesn't intend to. He is one of the most cheerful sufferers you would ever want to meet, and his spirit is amazing.

The fact that he is alive in spite of doctors' verdicts that he has no right to live, and the inch-by-inch improvements that he has had in those long years, are all attributed to prayer. He is a special friend of the Little Flower, and while we have had no word from him since last spring, we take it for granted that he will travel to her Detroit shrine in his ambulance these next nine days to make the Novena in her honor, to ask her for another "rose."

Yesterday you heard of the football team's offering of bumps for Eddie Collins. Today the proposal is made that you offer some bunk fatigue for Van. Make the sacrifice of getting up early in the morning, and offer it for Van's improvement. It would seem from appearances at times that some of the present generation of students would like to spend about five years in bed -- but the thing doesn't seem too rosy in practice. Make this mortification for Van and you will have done something worth while this year.

Ask Advice.

Incoming freshmen often have serious spiritual problems confronting them. They should realize that the University recognizes this need of theirs and provides for it. They should feel free to speak to any priest at Notre Dame, freely and frankly, about any matter on which they need advice. It is the specific business of the Prefect of Religion to take care of such matters, but every priest on the campus is able and willing to help. The rule followed at Notre Dame in such matters is, "If you have a worry that doesn't settle itself in twenty-four hours, ask a priest about it." A weight on the mind is not a help to study.

General Confession.

During a mission there are always inquiries about general confession. A general confession is a review of all or part of one's past life. It is necessary if one has been making bad confessions; it is useful if one wants to take a deep breath for a fresh start. If you are curious about the matter, or feel that you would like to make a general confession, ask your confessor about it, and abide by his decision.

Prayers.

Brother Barnabas, C.S.C., died Saturday. Colman O'Shaughnessy's grandfather died last week. Wm. Fitzmaurice's brother is very low; Don McConville (student last year) asks prayers for his sick mother. Four special intentions.