
Do You Want The Blessed Virgin Honored Tomorrow?

Today is a great feast of the Blessed Virgin, the feast of her Presentation in the Temple. It commemorates her act of consecration when she entered the service of God in the Temple of Jerusalem, on which occasion, it is argued by commentators, she vowed her virginity to her Maker. It is, therefore, the feast-day of nuns who consecrate themselves to God; it is also the feast of all that is pure in womanhood. Consequently, it is a day on which her knights, her sons who respect womanhood, should renew their fealty to her.

A group of her knights will carry her name into a tournament tomorrow. They will play their game in her honor, and they will play their best because it is in her honor. They will play in spite of injuries; and they will play harder because of a handicap voluntarily assumed for the protection of Christian womanhood -- the upholding of the ideals of Christian marriage.

Do you want the Blessed Virgin thus honored? Do you want her boys protected from further injuries? You have a chance to say, because there will be a

Mass For The Team at 6:30.

Every loyal son of the Blessed Virgin should be at Mass and receive Holy Communion tomorrow in her honor and for the protection of her team. Those who leave for Chicago this evening should know where to find a church tomorrow morning in which to fulfill this duty of love and loyalty.

General Confession.

Vague worries about the past as well as distinct worries can hold you back in your work and stop your spiritual progress. If you cannot settle these matters yourself, ask a priest about them. There is nothing fearful about a general confession; throw the burden of it on the priest. (But don't try to make a general confession in the morning when the confessionals are crowded; go to confession tonight.)

College Spirit.

A sports writer in a metropolitan newspaper took occasion this week to praise a certain university for its revival of "college spirit" -- by which he meant a pep meeting which lasted from Thursday till the following Tuesday. There are other kinds of college spirit with which we are more familiar -- the spiritual bouquet for a friend in affliction, for instance, or a Mass for the team, or a general attitude of loyalty to the school and the Church when it stands for principle. The other thing may be all right for the Big Ten; but when a question arises keep in mind that we have our own traditions and our own ideas of college spirit; and it is a part of our tradition of college spirit at Notre Dame that when we are away from the campus we do nothing that will reflect discredit on the school we represent.

A Letter To Father Barron, in Korea.

"Dear Father: It's hard times over here this year, what with the cotillion and the scholarship dances and the young people's democratic league, but eight of the boys have kicked in with a buck each for your Merry Christmas and that's something."

PRAYERS: Eugene Rau's father died before Eugene reached home. The father of Chas. Judge, a recent alumnus, was burned to death a few days ago. A student asks prayers for a deceased relative. Four special intentions; three thanksgivings for recoveries. A relative of Daniel Brennan is very ill. A relative of Mark Flannery died this week.