

Law Club Mass
tomorrow, 6:25

University of Notre Dame
Religious Bulletin
April 16, 1931

Universal Notre Dame
Communion Sunday

What Knute Rockne Meant To A Crippled Boy.

The following letter, received by the President of the University, is the most touching tribute to Knute Rockne that has come to our attention:

"Dear Father: I feel that I must express the sympathy and the heart feelings of myself and my family on the terrible loss suffered by the University of Notre Dame and the entire world in the death of Knute Rockne.

"I am the father of a crippled boy, twelve years of age. He cannot leave the house, and lives on the radio. He is a great boy for baseball and football, and Knute heart of him last November at the time he was most hard pressed. He wrote Eddie a letter and sent him an autographed picture of himself.

"Father, when at noon Tuesday he heard the announcement over WTAM, Cleveland, that Knute Rockne was killed, he simply shut off the radio and cried, and when I came home that night he said: 'Dad, the best man in the world was killed, and I can't help him.' Well, Eddie and I knelt down and said the rosary for Knute, and I know he heard the little crippled boy pray for him, and I know he appreciated it.

"We sat and heard your wonderful sermon today at the funeral, and I am forty-six years old and am not ashamed to say I cried, for the whole world lost a friend when we lost Knute Rockne. And a man who would write to a crippled boy and try to make his life happier under the conditions Knute was fighting under last fall, is A MAN.

"Knute's picture is draped in black in my home tonight, and the kiddies all knelt before it and said the rosary for Knute Rockne. But little Dick, six years old, said: 'Dad, will there be a Notre Dame next year?' I said, 'Yes, son, next year and every year. Notre Dame will be there fighting with the Rockne spirit.'

"So, Father, when this is all over, if you see Mrs. Rockne, please tell her of Knute sending his picture to little Eddie Carty, a crippled kid out in Ohio, and that Eddie is going to pray every night for the one he calls his old friend Knute.

"I hate to close this letter by asking anything, Father, but could Eddie have an Agnus Dei or a medal from Notre Dame? You see, he lived in the hope that some day he would get well and go to Notre Dame to see Knute Rockne. But now his hope is gone. So please, if you can, send him a medal or an Agnus Dei to wear in memory of Knute Rockne.

"Expressing our sympathy to the entire University of Notre Dame and to Mrs. Rockne and the children, I am,

"Yours sincerely,

"James A. Carty."

You now have Eddie as well as Knute to remember in your prayers. Would to God you could all exemplify the Notre Dame spirit as well as Eddie does. Eddie shall have a relic of the Little Flower like the one Knute wore at the time of his death, a chain with the scapular medal and St. Christopher, such as the students wear, and a cord of St. Joseph, with the medals the football players wore in the games last fall. And if any of you want Eddie's address, to send him a spiritual bouquet of prayers for his recovery, ask the Prefect of Religion for it.

PRAYERS: The father of Al and Bob Niele, ill; a deceased cousin of Jim Kirby. Tomorrow is the seventh anniversary of the death of Mr. Doekman, Joe's brother. Prof. Downey is ill. A sick friend of a student. Louis Del. Proco's father is ill. A sister of Stanley zapalski underwent an operation this week. F. J. McGrool asks prayers for a deceased uncle. Five special intentions.