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Your Part In The New Shrine.

It was explained at Mass Sunday and suggested in yesterday's Bulletin that the new shrine of St. Olaf in the Dillon Hall chapel will be the family and student memorial to Knute Rockne. Mrs. Rockne wants to give the statue and the candlesticks, the children a window, or some such appropriate offering, and the students the altar. This last was the happy suggestion of Jack Saunders, President of the Senior Class.

Mr. Saunders is now drawing up a committee which will receive your offerings for the altar. This will be of marble, and of appropriate design for the chapel. (Only the altar table will be needed, as the reredos will be carved in the stone wall of the chapel.) The cost of the altar will approximate \$2000. The difference between your donations and the actual cost will be the University's offering towards the shrine.

No student is asked to give more than fifty cents. No large donations are wanted, but if a student here or there wishes to give more than the half-dollar, his offering will go to make up for some boys who may not be in a position at present to give even that much. And the matter is not urged. The project was accepted because it was felt that you were more than anxious to show your respect for Mr. Rockne, and your cooperation will show to what extent that appreciation of your feelings was justified.

There will be a very limited opportunity for individual gifts - cruets, a missal, altar linens, a crucifix, a couple of lamps, a bell, and the like. If any student who feels a special debt of gratitude to Mr. Rockne wants to make such an individual gift, he may present the matter to Mr. Saunders.

A committee will work out the details of the shrine, and your suggestions on this may be handed to the Prefect of Religion. In the matter of windows, for instance, it has been suggested that they depict St. Olaf, St. Patrick, and the Cure of Ars. It was the "Fighting Irish" team that was coached by the gallant son of St. Olaf; it was the Cure of Ars who told Father Sorin that his University would encounter great trials for three-quarters of a century and would then blossom forth in full vigor -- and Notre Dame was just seventy-five years old when Knute Rockne was appointed head coach and Director of Athletics.

One week will be given to the collection of the fund for the shrine, and the week begins today. The hall committees will begin their rounds this evening; the off-campus students will be visited as soon as possible. Off-campus students may leave their donations at the off-campus office or in the Sorin chapel if they choose, but no donation should be left without the name of the donor, for while there will be no permanent list of donors, the names should be checked off to save the committee-men the work of calling on those who have already contributed.

The Bengal Collections.

Last Thursday's collection for Bengal amounted to \$83.86; Sunday's, to \$97.58. There have been other recent contributions amounting to \$39, including \$20 from the Youngstown Club, and various contributions from Bulletin fans outside the University. Tomorrow we hope to be able to announce the total for the semester.

Prayers.

Jerry Madden was taken to the hospital early yesterday morning with an attack of appendicitis. A deceased friend of a student. An uncle of Geo. Duquette died last Saturday. Six special intentions. E. Krusiec thanks you for the prayers you said for his father, whose escape from burning to death was little short of miraculous.