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Novena For The Poor Begins Tomorrow.

The Try-It-Again Novena for the Poor begins tomorrow. During the nine days you are requested to offer Holy Communion and say the Litany of St. Joseph in union with the intentions of the Holy Father, who has called for these prayers. These intentions are: 1. For the return of Christendom to Christian principles and thus to appease the wrath of God; 2. For the relief of God's poor, that their sufferings, especially the sufferings of little children, may be alleviated, and that those in want may accept their cross in the spirit of Christ.

Charity Crusade At St. Mary's.

St. Mary's College asks your support for a Charity Program to be given Sunday afternoon. It isn't much of a mortification to visit St. Mary's - and the buck it will cost you this Sunday will go to worthy charities. Tickets are on sale on the campus.

Alumni Hall Can't Be So Bad.

Since we returned to the basement chapel there has been a 100% increase in the number of communicants coming to this central chapel from Alumni Hall. They now number almost as many as there are in the hall chapel at St. Edward's of a morning, and three times as many as the Corby chapel attracts. Alumni Hall can't be so bad. We'll give them another chance at the church next week, and save them the extra walk to the basement besides giving them additional opportunities for confession.

Midnight Is Midnight.

The amateur theologians are spreading a false notion about the fast from midnight required before Holy Communion. They are allowing their friends fifteen or twenty minutes leeway in breaking their fast after midnight. They are wrong - absolutely, positively, irretrievably wrong. It is true that if sun time gives you an advantage you may use it, but at Notre Dame sun time is about 20 minutes ahead of standard time; ergo, if you want to use sun time for determining your fast, you must begin your fast at 11:40, not 12:20. Paste this in your hat.

Sowing The Seeds Of Blackmail.

Blackmail has a lot to do with the running of this country. A series of Bulletins would only scratch the surface of this condition, but this paragraph may be enough to give you a helpful warning. Many a man in politics today is doing the bidding of gangsters because the gangsters have something on him. Many a man is out of politics because criminal blackmailers have told him he dare not run for office. Many of these men sowed the seed for this blackmail by their folly when they were in college. If your life is not an open book some one, some time, may read some of the secret entries and thwart your legitimate ambitions. This is a selfish reason for being good which we propose to you, but it is proposed because some people will respond only to selfish motives. Despise this warning at your peril.

Make Profanity Pay.

If your table or your room is sullied by indecorous speech, get a Bengal bite box from the Prefect of Religion and make offenders pay. This form of atonement pays double: it cures while it supports the missionaries.

PRAYERS: Tom Lieb, coach at Loyola in Los Angeles, and formerly coach here, asks prayers for his wife whose health is not good. Van Wallace, who is spending his seventh year in a wheel chair as a result of a broken neck, asks prayers for his friend John Carollo, who is ill. A friend of a student has just undergone an operation. John Litcher's mother is seriously ill.