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Let's Suppose You Could Choose Your Own Mother:

What would she be like? Loving? Of course - she wouldn't be a mother if she were not. Tender? Yes - she would have to be - but firm at the same time, or you would suffer. Understanding? Big-hearted? Forgiving? Why ask? That's why God gave us mothers - we are so weak, we fall so often, we must have some one who can understand and forgive and put us on our feet again. Good? Pure? Wholesome? You would never want to see a fault in her, and you wouldn't want God to see one either.

Well... you did choose your own mother when you came to Notre Dame. God chose an earthly mother for you - a good mother - and that is why you are here. But when you came here you chose a heavenly Mother - the same one He chose for Himself - and gave to us in the hour of His greatest sorrow... and hers, for at that moment she stood at the foot of the Cross.

Mother most pure she is, Mother most chaste; "our tainted nature's solitary boast," a Protestant poet has called her. Virgin most renowned she is... and we would have all men know and love our Mother. Virgin most powerful she is... and she strengthens the arm of her sons. Virgin most faithful... she keeps her promises. Mystical rose, Tower of David, House of gold... there is none more fair of all the daughters of Eve, none more strong, none more sweet. Refuge of sinners she is and Comforter of the afflicted... how well our hearts know that. Gate of heaven she is and Queen of all angels and Saints.... and still she is our Mother.

Did you make a wise choice when you came to Notre Dame? Go down to the Grotto tonight and tell her how happy you are that you made the choice; and ask her, the Seat of Wisdom, to make you as wise in all your undertakings. And to prove that you mean what you say, make two resolutions for the Month of May, Her Month:

1. To avoid all mortal sin during the month;
2. To receive Holy Communion daily to protect that resolution.

May Devotions.

The President of the University, Father O'Donnell, will preach at the opening of the May Devotions, Sunday night. On the following Thursday night, Father Wenninger will preach. Thereafter the devotions will be held on Wednesday nights.

Hymns At The Grotto.

Beginning tomorrow (Saturday) evening, hymns will be sung at the Grotto every evening after supper. This beautiful annual custom helps your devotion to Our Lady.

The Sunday Collection is For The Pamphlet Rack.

The Bulletin has called your attention to the deficit of \$354 which the Pamphlet Rack is facing. Do what you can to relieve its financial embarrassment.

Masses.

Saturday, Sorin Hall, 6:25: Leo Beaulaurier's brother (Juggler staff); Corby, 6:25, Tom Gateley's father (Senior Class); Sunday, 7:00, Wm. Minardo's father (a friend).

PRAYERS: Mr. Borland, manager of the Dining Hall, is seriously ill. Jas. Wade was called home yesterday by the serious illness of his mother. A little daughter of Prof. Coty is gravely ill with appendicitis. Two deceased uncles of Mr. Collins, Comptroller of the University. Three special intentions. (A Novena begun tomorrow will end on Mother's Day.)