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Another Depression Novena.

After your visit home you are more inclined to remember that there is a depression. If God has spared your own family, you may be very grateful that He has; if affliction has visited you, pray that you will draw proper fruit from the visitation, and ask for relief if it be for the best. And whether or not it is a personal problem, you must have seen misery, and seeing it softens the heart.

Another Depression Novena will begin Sunday. This one will be addressed to the Divine Infant of Bethlehem, Who knew poverty because He willed it for Himself, Who loved it and sanctified it. From Him you can learn what poverty really means; and from Him you can expect relief when you have learned the lessons it should teach.

Begin your Novena, then, on Sunday. During the nine days offer Holy Communion daily and say some prayer to the Divine Infant - the Litany of the Holy Name if your prayer book has no special devotions to the Holy Infancy of Jesus. Those who have some particular favor to ask in connection with the depression may write out their request, place it in a sealed envelope, and leave it with the Prefect of Religion. It will be placed on the altar during the nine days.

Use The Leaflet Missal.

We will try out the Leaflet Missal this year. One hundred copies will be placed at the main entrance to the church on Sunday mornings hereafter; help yourselves. The leaflet missal has the Mass of that particular Sunday - complete. It enables you to follow the priest in every detail of the Mass - which is the best way to hear Mass.

New Year's Resolutions.

They don't amount to much more than paving blocks to hell if you don't use the grace of God to support them. Daily Communion is your principal source of grace.

Butler's Course in Marriage.

Marion County, Indiana, the county in which Indianapolis is located, had 40.55 divorces for each 100 marriages in 1930, we are told. Recently Judge Pickens, of Indianapolis, married a couple he had divorced six days previously. Doing so, he said: "Whom God has joined together I have put asunder, and whom I have put asunder I now join together."

Butler University has announced a new course to meet this condition - "a series of lectures on the physical, psychological, economic, social and religious aspects of wedded life. A divorce referee, twice-married himself, will head the course; he will be assisted by a physician, two psychologists and a clergyman.

With all due respect to Butler's good intentions, we beg to call the University's attention to the fact that the physical, psychological, economic and social aspects of marriage have taken care of themselves without expert advice for the past nineteen hundred years for all those who accept the word of Christ as the word of God, and enter marriage with the understanding that "what God hath joined together let no man put asunder." It has worked in the past, it works now, and it will always work!

PRAYERS: Bill Dempsey still needs prayers; complications have followed his pneumonia. Deceased - Jos. Manovic's father; a relative of John J. Ryan (St. Edward's); Fathers Julius Reimetz and John DeVille, priests of the diocese of Fort Wayne. Ill - Gene Sullivan's father; a sister of Ray Gaffney, old student; an aunt of John McClurg (injured in an auto accident). Five special intentions.