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What Are You Doing For Father O'Donnell?

Father O'Donnell, President of the University, is now entering his seventh month of illness. He transferred to the University Infirmary the other day, after six weeks in St. Joseph's Hospital, South Bend. He has been gaining slowly, very slowly, but his condition is such that complete recovery still seems somewhat distant.

What are you doing to aid his recovery? What prayers are you saying? What sacrifices are you offering? How many Holy Communions have you pledged? What return are you making to him for the sacrifices he has made for you during his twelve years of public life in connection with the University community?

Father O'Donnell, his physicians say, is paying now for the worries and overwork that have made his public life a continuous sacrifice. Those things bear down on a man, and take their toll sooner or later. Only a very rugged constitution could have survived the ordeal Father O'Donnell has gone through.

Since these sacrifices were made for Notre Dame, we have a duty of justice to make what amends we can, at least in the way of prayer. We have to be reminded of this, however; thoughtlessness is a common failing. With October coming, the rosary suggests itself as a very proper prayer for Fr. O'Donnell's recovery. We suggest the following choice of prayers and offerings from which you may select your resolutions:

1. Daily Communion and rosary throughout October;
2. A Novena of Communions and rosaries;
3. A Novena of rosaries with three Holy Communions;
4. A decade of the beads every day of the month;
5. Three Hail Marys every day.

We have to graduate these things according to your possibilities. We have special faith in the efficacy of the prayers of the fifth class, those whose piety cannot go beyond three Hail Marys a day: "When God hears a strange voice He answers at once."

Make your resolution and stick to it. Medical science is doing all it can; prayer can aid its success. We want Father O'Donnell back with us, quite his old self again, and it would be a shameful pity if our prayers were denied in a case where our debt is so heavy.

October Devotions.

The October Devotions will begin Sunday night in the church, with services at 7:00 and 7:30. The second service will be for freshmen and for the students of St. Edward's and Lyons Halls; the first (at 7:00) for the rest of the campus.

Throughout the month, on week-days, the devotions will be held in the basement chapel at 5:00. The church bell will be rung, but the services themselves will be held in the basement chapel because of the difficulties in the way of holding services upstairs during the renovation of the church.

Charity.

Two persistent charities aided by the Religious Bulletin are the Bengal Mission and the Local Poor Relief. The first collection for Bengal (the opening Sunday) netted \$112; three dollars have been contributed since that time, and a five-spot left behind by an alumnus at the opening of school raised the total to \$120. Outside readers of the bulletin have donated \$73 to Poor Relief; \$60 has already gone out.

PRAYERS: Deceased - Leonard Palumbo's grandmother; friends of Father Dolan and Father O'Donnell. Ill - A relative of George Ball. Three special intentions.