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Frank Gallagher's Anniversary.

The 6:00 Mass this morning was offered for the repose of the soul of Frank Gallagher, who died six years ago today, while a student in Sophomore Hall. Frank was one of the most cheerful souls that ever came to Notre Dame. Remember him this evening at the Poor Souls Novena.

No Charge.

Who started the story that one has to pay money for the insertion of requests for prayers? The fellow who got suckers to believe it is probably still selling Jimmy Crowley's text books, personally autographed by the Fordham coach.

Say Your Grace.

Don't leave the table without making the Sign of the Cross. Your Christian training is slipping if you can't remember even that little courtesy to God.

There's a History Behind Every Rule.

Seniors begin to suspect as much before they leave Notre Dame, but Freshmen find it hard to believe. At least, they start from scratch when they load you down with advice on how to run the school. Seniors see a bit now and then, but much of the history involved in the rules goes back a long time - which is only a little while as schools go.

Take an example. A rector gets big-hearted and extends permissions beyond the quota for the class in his hall. That's fine. But he soon discovers boys slipping in the window at 2:00 a.m. A good thing has been killed. The lid goes on.

Or another. A rector gives a liberal interpretation to the rule on radios. Music hath charms. The crowd gathers to the loudest radio. The awakening comes when the marks appear. The hall's record is bad, and strict supervision of radios comes into effect.

A third. The faculty allows ten cuts. The school is deserted before and after holidays - the only ones who remain are those who used up their cuts during the football season. Then come January colds, and the authorities are stormed for excuses for illness. The next year the quota goes down to three cuts. The mile became an inch again.

That's the way it goes. Now look at it from this angle. Notre Dame uses a spiritual appeal for practically every activity in which you are engaged while here. She asks you to let your conscience dictate an active, intelligent life, every point of it, even your recreation, directed to God. When the spiritual appeal falls on deaf ears, and the matter is of serious moment, she invokes discipline. She must, by virtue of her agreement with your parents to give you Catholic training.

When you play the game and lose, why not be a good sport about it? Don't wince. Be prepared to take the consequence of your acts - and take them with a grin. There's nothing personal about it. If you get away with something, the rector doesn't eat out his heart about it. If you don't get away with it, take your rap standing up. Good sportsmanship is good religion.

PRAYERS: Deceased - an uncle of Ed Herold. Ill - George Belting's mother; 'm. McCarthy's father; the father of Bob Barrett, '33 (protracted illness); Rev. John C. Wakefor of Laporte (major operation). Father Nelson, who was in the train wreck at Tucumcari, N.M., in August, has informed us of the death last week of the eleventh victim of the wreck - a mother who was badly injured when she threw herself over the body of her little son to protect him from a falling upper berth. Heroism still lives. --Three special intentions.