

Mission Mass
Friday for
Johnny Young

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Servers Needed.
See Sacristan,
Main Church

Last Days of Johnny Young.

You read in the papers some months ago of the sudden death of Johnny Young. Here are more intimate details of his last days, written by his father to Father O'Hara shortly after the funeral.

"Mrs. Young, the boys and myself are indeed grateful to you for your expressions of sympathy in the loss of Johnny. Your letters have been most comforting. We are trying to follow the wonderful example John gave us, --Trust in God Almighty. I might go on and on telling the many deeds of faith he has shown. Thanks to a wonderful Mother, to the early teachings of the Sisters and the Basilian Fathers, and yourselves, he was all that any of us could ask. He died with every blessing that the priests of the Church could give him. Conscious to the last two or three minutes, he was patient, appreciative and smiling as he passed away.

"He was extremely proud of being a Senior at Notre Dame. This seemed to mean more to him than anything else. Since his return home he said to his Mother, "I am a Senior, Mama, and that means something. I am going to do something that will show my appreciation and make them proud of me."

"He wanted us to be proud of him. Not a single instance has transpired in his connection with Notre Dame that occasioned a complaint from him. The boys were the finest in the land. The losing football team just didn't click. He was proud of his brother's associations there and of the prospect of Jimmie now in High School following through. He would tell Jimmie what to do in order that he would be better prepared when he got there.

"As to John's sickness, Father, there was not the slightest bruise on his entire body. X-rays showed no misplaced bone or joint. In fact, soon after the doctor called, he found pus in his kidneys which was accompanied by terrific headaches, and then a sore spot in the region of his kidney below his left shoulder, on his left forearm, under his knee and foot, and these were called to the doctor's attention by John. They did not find out anything. The one on his foot was finally opened from which a vaccine was made and Leighton was inoculated and a transfusion from this inoculated blood was made about two hours prior to John's death.

"One doctor thought it might have been from the extreme heat that they encountered on their trip home. I believe the infection was kept agitated by constant attempts to locate the cause instead of treating it, as the blood transfusion was the only direct thing done to allay the poisoning.

"I hate to write you so long a letter but your love and interest and help in making our boy the wonderful character he was causes me to tell you all I can of the sickness and death. He was sick exactly three weeks with nurses and doctors --one week at home and two weeks at St. Joseph's Infirmary. The Protestant churches as well as every Catholic institution in town petitioned God in His mercy to spare him to us, and as you expressed it so beautifully, God must have wanted him early. He had accomplished a great deal in so short a time as evidenced by the many expressions of regret. We are trying to say, 'Thy will be done.'"

Notre Dame's chief business is to produce sons of strong and admirable characters like John Young. Her success depends upon their presence among her students and alumni. But Notre Dame thanks God when one of her boys goes to Him as fit for Heaven as was Johnny.

PRAYERS: Deceased, grandmother of Bill Setzer, grandfather of Tom Grady and John Clair. Ill, John McGinnis, Charley Winogardner, Jim O'Hara, a friend of Wm. Murthe, brother of Tom Carney, aunt and uncle of Moe Delia, daughter of Mr. Lloyd. 3 sp. ints.