

Meeting Servers'
Club--Sacristy
6:30 p.m. Tues.

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Gaps for Tuesday:
9:30-10:00;
11:30-12; 3-3:30.

Novena For The Needs of Notre Dame.

All who are sincerely concerned about the growth and welfare of Notre Dame will join together in the Novena of Holy Communions requested by Father O'Hara, President of the University, in the following letter:

"Dear Father Cavanaugh:

"Some very striking benefits were received by the University during the Novena to the Little Flower. Some day these can be announced. In the meantime, there are some urgent matters needing prayer, and I wish you would ask the students to offer another novena of Holy Communions for these intentions.

"Everything good we have at Notre Dame came in answer to prayer. When we consider the remarkable hold that Notre Dame has on the public imagination, when we contemplate the magnificent physical plant that has been built up here through ninety-two years--with very little in the way of direct gifts of money--when we recall the spiritual influence of the school and the beautiful religious life of the present generation of students, we see a direct action of Divine Providence that is perhaps without parallel in this country.

"It is without any disparagement to the noble men of the past whose sacrifices have gone into the making of Notre Dame that I say that the human elements employed by Divine Providence in this work were inadequate of themselves to produce the results we see. They were good men and hard working religious, but they would be the first to admit their own shortcomings and to give credit to God for the results beyond their fondest dreams.

"Notre Dame is a work of prayer. Specifically, in the last twelve years we might say that every improvement in the way of physical plant was prayed for directly before it was secured. You will remember that back in your own student days we had one novena after another for the success of the endowment drive, for certain specific dormitory facilities, for an engineering building, a commerce building, a law building, etc. It was noted now and then on the Bulletin that a specific favor was granted on the ninth day of a novena.

"St. Joseph has usually been invoked for these material wants, but I would prefer in this present novena to leave the students free to direct their prayers according to their own personal likings. I have a notion that in this way we will enlist the aid of the whole heavenly court. The Church, in her calendar of saints, has recognized the psychology of the fact that human nature plays favorites, and we do well when we follow the example of the Church.

"The University and the Congregation of Holy Cross always pray for their benefactors, and we will not be unmindful of the prayers of the present generation of students--particularly of those faithful souls who have made possible the extension of Daily Adoration through the month of October. May God bless them and their families.

"Sincerely yours in Domino,
(Signed) John F. O'Hara, C.S.C.,
President.

This Novena of Holy Communions will start tomorrow morning, October 16 and end the morning of October 24. Prepare tonight by going to Confession, if necessary, so as to be able to start all together in the morning.

PRAYERS: Ill, Monsignor Shannon of Chicago; Bro. Anselm, C.S.C.; Bro. Isidore, C.S.C. Prof. and Mrs. Cooney, injured in an auto accident; Don Draper (Alumni); Joe Bryan (Morrissey) appendectomy; two friends of Dan Hanley, injured in an auto accident.