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Thanksgiving.

The word "Eucharist" means "thank offering". Hear Mass and receive Holy Communion Thursday as your thank offering to God. In the Church Mass at 7:25; breakfast at 8:00.

Clean of Heart.

Christ has promised--"Blessed are the clean of heart for they shall see God." Implied is the promise of a happy death, then Heaven, to the man who keeps himself pure.

The clean of heart are blessed even in this life with a clear eye, especially in matters of faith, with a strong heart, and with a happy disposition.

They are courageous because they win out habitually in that important fight that takes place, not before howling grandstands, but in the hidden arena of their own hearts.

The pure of heart are masters of themselves, where mastery is difficult, possessed of the power able to regulate their own lives according to right reason, to cut off person or thing that threatens personal sovereignty.

The pure of heart are humble because they are conscious that past victories have come through God's grace. They are pure, in fact, only out of obedience to Christ's law.

Happiness is never in the heart that is faithless to the head, because happiness follows upon a properly-ordered life. And there is only chaos--broken promises, remorse --with the impure.

Why does the impure man gradually lose his faith?

There are many reasons but this is an important psychological one: unless a man openly wants to be a hypocrite, unless he wants his life to be a lie, he will either give up the theory of life that demands that he be pure, or he will give up impurity.

If he is not man enough to give up impurity, he will seek reasons for giving up his Faith.

What hope then for the impure? What hope was there for Magdalen and Augustine? What hope in the tabernacles of Notre Dame, in the Lady atop the Golden Dome, in Mary, inspiration of this University, Mother of Grace, Immaculate from the first moment of her existence?

Next Saturday, December 1, the annual Novena for Purity begins for Notre Dame men. It ends Sunday, December 9, day after the feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Because the Novena is important, it is deferred a day so that all Notre Dame men--even those away over Thanksgiving--will be back on the campus ready to start all together.

Here are suggestions for making a good Novena:

Go to Mass and to Holy Communion every morning;

Say, morning and night, 3 Hail Marys in honor of the Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Lady;

Recite the Litany of the Blessed Virgin each of the nine days.

PRAYERS: Deceased, grandfather of Joe Mansfield (Alumni). Ill, Fr. D. J. Maloney; mother of Fr. Irving; sister of Bill Lord (Sorin); uncle of Ed. Breed (Sorin). Four special intentions.