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For Mexico.

From the newspapers you know that the Church is again under persecution in Mexico. American Catholics are deeply concerned.

In a recent interview in New York City, Father O'Hara advises a crusade of prayers as the best part Americans can play in settling the difficulties.

At Father O'Hara's request, a decade of the beads will be said in the church, before the Blessed Sacrament, for nine days, beginning tomorrow at the 5:15 services.

Wednesday, feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, a special Mass will be said in Sorin Hall, at 6:25, at the request of the La Raza Club.

All students, especially Latin-Americans, are asked to join in these devotions, begging God for a return of religious freedom to Mexican Catholics.

The Christmas Novena.

Gratitude is the expression of a noble soul. Ingratitude is the mark of a pygmy, of a pygmy too small and selfish to see that he owes anything to anyone.

Some sons have been on the receiving end so long that they now take it for granted. They act as if there were an inviolable law according to which they must always receive.

Everybody owes them everything. They owe nothing to anyone.

The truth is that no one owes more to any human being than a son owes to his father and mother.

Almost any normal boy, at times at least, feels keenly his obligation of gratitude--the mere mention of father and mother and what they have been to him, brings tears of gratitude to his eyes.

Christmas is the ideal time to show practically this gratitude.

If you want to present a gift that will come out of your own heart, out of your own effort--and not from your parents' bank roll--make the Christmas novena of adoration and Holy Communions for your father and mother.

The novena started today. You can still begin tomorrow and end the day you leave for home. Simply go to Holy Communion daily and make as many half-hour periods of adoration as you can--nine would be fine.

Spiritual bouquet cards will be provided for you at the pamphlet racks in Dillon and Sorin Halls.

The biggest tests in life are not the great catastrophes and emergencies but rather the courage to carry out our daily routine. This is the real test of courage, meeting each day as it comes and doing our noblest under every circumstance.

Adoration daily in the church--7:30-5:15--Dec. 10-18.

PRAYERS: Deceased, mother of Father Keller; father of Sister M. Ethelbert, Loretto Heights College, Loretto, Colo. Ill, mother and father of Bob Siegfried (Lyons), injured in an auto accident; mother of Bob White (Lyons); father of a student; mother of Bob Carroll (Dillon); cousin of Bob Leonard (Dillon); friend of a student. Four special intentions.