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A Lady Would Extend Her Thanks.

One day last week a lady in the audience at a South Bend theatre was stunned by the announcement of her husband's sudden death. Crushed by the shock and grief, she was escorted by two Notre Dame students, who had sat near her, to one of the parlors of the theatre. There they showed her every consideration and kindness.

In the excitement the lady forgot to ask the names of the two gentlemen who befriended her. She now asks the Prefect of Discipline to help her locate them. Will these two students kindly communicate at once with the Prefect of Discipline?

Consciousness of God's Presence.

A form of prayer that is not too well known is the practice of the presence of God. It is based upon the sound principle of the omnipresence of a personal God. It has the endorsement of all the saints in Heaven.

It can be for each of us what it was for them--a most efficacious remedy for overcoming temptation, as well as a means of making the ordinary actions of the day highly meritorious.

The whole act need not take more than a few seconds each time you perform it. Just give God a thought, and ask His help to make whatever you do count for something. Don't think that to pray you have to come into the chapel or get down on your knees. Prayer is the elevation of the mind and heart to God. And that can be done anywhere, without letting even your closest neighbor in on the secret.

Remember the words of the Hail Mary, 'the Lord is with thee'. Apply those words to yourself. God is with you. Only grave sin can separate you from Him. And even when you do drive Him out of your soul by sin, He awaits nearby, hoping that you will be contrite and call him back. He has a personal solicitude for you. Try and give Him a personal love in return.

If you are not acquainted with this intimate form of prayer,--the practice of the presence of God--here is a suggestion. Begin each day by definitely deciding certain periods at which you will make an act of contrition, an act of love, and an offering of yourself to Our Lord. For example: each time you leave the hall on your way to class you might offer up the work of the coming hour to God. Or at the beginning of your period of study you could profitably call upon the Holy Ghost for the gifts of wisdom and understanding. Even your recreation can be meritorious if you want to take the few seconds required to offer it up to God.

You are familiar with the Morning Offering. If not, read it over carefully on the morning and evening prayer card in your hall. Review that prayer or the idea contained in it before you begin each new action of the day. That is the way you can imitate God's Heroes, who elevated their most prosaic tasks to the dignity of work consecrated to God. Most of them became saints by performing the ordinary duties of life in the spirit of union with God.

For non-Catholics.

Father Hoff will conduct a special class for those non-Catholics interested in the Catholic religion. The class is primarily for those who intend to become Catholics, but any non-Catholic student is cordially invited to attend. It will be conducted Tuesdays and Fridays at 6:30 p.m. For further particulars communicate directly with Father Hoff at 144 Dillon Hall.

PRAYERS: Deceased, father and sister of Dick Trant '28; Brother William, Society of Mary; uncle of John R. Henry, (Dillon). Ill, father of Vincent Toppin (Lownson); uncle of John Hollenthal (Walsh). Six special intentions.