

PRAYERS: (Deceased) Alfredo Sanchez '12; wife of Prof. L. Benitz; father of Earl J. O'Brien '31;

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"The Spirit of Notre Dame."

Mary Donahue; Mrs. Mahoney; Most Rev. P. J. Hurth, C.S.C.; Ill, aunt of Bill Ellis, mother of Bill Fallon (Alumni).

Mr. Robert J. Arthur, a lawyer of Logansport, Indiana, not technically a Notre Dame man, takes pains to inform you of the following edifying incident:

"It might interest you that in connection with the death of young John Sweeney, which occurred so tragically here at Logansport early this week, there was manifested a wonderful example of the spirit of Notre Dame.

"When the local newspaper first learned of the story, it sent one of its reporters to our office to get in touch with Mr. Harold J. Tuberty, one of your law school graduates of a few years ago, and with Richard Molique, now a senior in your law school. The reporter wanted to know whether either of the young men was acquainted with Mr. Sweeney. It happened that neither knew him, but, in spite of that, both stopped everything that afternoon, got in touch with another Notre Dame graduate of several years back, and took immediate steps to see that a priest was called to Mr. Sweeney.

"Subsequently, it proved that their efforts in that regard were not required, but I thought it might interest you to know that one of your present students and two former students--to all of whom Mr. Sweeney was a perfect stranger--dropped everything to see that he was given every assistance, and particularly, the last rites of the Church.

"It shows that the spirit of Notre Dame, in which your students live while they are there, does not cease in their lives with their graduation exercises, but is a living thing which goes on down through life with them wherever they may be in the world. I just thought you might be interested to know that."

Thanks, Mr. Arthur. You will help incoming freshmen to see more clearly that Notre Dame spirit is an unselfish, sacred something that binds men together--and keeps them bound--in a close family that means more than rah rabs and rallies.

Your letter will help all Notre Dame men on the campus to "drop everything" and offer Mass and Holy Communion for Jack, and, later in the week, for two other Notre Dame students who met death since last June.

Tomorrow is general Holy Communion Day for Jack. Those who are making the mission will offer Mass with the celebrant and receive Holy Communion for the repose of his soul. Students, not making the mission, will hear Mass and receive Holy Communion in their respective residence halls.

Wednesday is Joe Donahue's day, Saturday is Charley Modierne's. The mission Mass in the church Wednesday will be for Joe, Saturday it will be for Charley. In their charity freshmen and upperclassmen will repeat on these two days what they did for Jack. For charity is the very essence of the spirit of Notre Dame.

Other Mission Masses.

Today's Mass was for Father Maloney; Thursday's will be for the next one of us to die, Friday's, for Dr. Powers. (Ill, Prof. Campbell--pray for him.)