

Final And Great Novena of Year.

Packing-up time is just around the corner. Saturday, May 22, the day after tomorrow, the general novena for final exams begins and ends on Sunday, May 30.

Remember the dates. Get ready tonight and tomorrow night. As you certainly know, exams start Monday, May 31.

Since next Thursday is the feast of Corpus Christi (when, for the only time in your life perhaps, you will witness an elaborate outdoor procession in honor of the Blessed Sacrament), and since we at Notre Dame have to thank the Eucharistic Christ for innumerable favors, let us make this final novena of Masses and Holy Communions in honor of the Eucharistic Christ Himself. During the novena, let us be mindful of the graces we have received through our Masses and Holy Communions during the entire year and let us ask forgiveness for our negligences and infidelities towards the Blessed Eucharist.

One more intention: our Bishop, Most Rev. John F. Noll, asks us to remember the Holy Father, Pius XI, at Mass and Holy Communion on Sunday, May 30, final day of the novena. On the Monday following which is the Pope's 80th birthday, the Bishop intends to cable our spiritual bouquet to him at Rome.

Out of sincere filial gratitude to the Holy Father, you will want to go a step further. Make the Holy Father's welfare a special intention every morning of the novena. Relying on your faithful cooperation, we shall after the novena report accordingly to Bishop Noll.

The "Lady Chapel."

The chapel behind the high altar of the University church has become dear to the students of recent generations. They appreciate it as a place of quiet and inspiring worship by reason of the periods of perpetual adoration which now form a regular part of the religious life of Notre Dame.

This was not true in the old days. This chapel was a show place to which visitors

were taken and for many it was a sort of curiosity because its pews could be made to face the high altar or the smaller altar of the chapel proper. It was used for worship only on Holy Thursday when its altar became the Repository of the Blessed Sacrament.

Unfortunately, this chapel is now known by many as the "Bernini Chapel" because of its beautiful altar executed by the Italian artist, Bernini. There is no denying that Bernini was an artist of repute, but officially at least, he was not a saint and is not entitled to have a chapel dedicated to him.

This chapel is dedicated to Our Lady, Queen and patroness of this university. Her statue occupies the niche high above the altar. This is the only statue of Our Lady in the Church of the Sacred Heart; and it is enough. Its position is commanding. In all the great churches of England and in many of those of the continent there was a particular chapel set aside in honor of the Queen of Heaven. This was always called "the Lady Chapel." Notre Dame men, who in a special way are knights of Our Lady, should use the same term for the Lady Chapel of Sacred Heart Church.

Familiarize yourselves with this term and let it become a regular part of the vocabulary of the campus.

Read "The Invert."

Question. "I am unusually nervous and self centered and spend much of my time in trying to understand myself. If I could find help in arriving at a few important conclusions I could make some valuable adjustments in my life. Don't tell me to see a priest. For altogether silly reasons, I have been unable to bring myself to do that. Is there any book that you can recommend me to read?"

Answer. Yes. Read The Invert by "Anomaly (a Catholic psychiatrist.)" Two copies of this book are available at the University Library. Don't be too embarrassed to call for it. Many psychiatry students use it in research.

By the way, get interested in the corporal works of mercy and in competitive sports.

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