

New Course, The Christian
Life, by Father Woodward
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Of All Christmas Gifts.

Under the door of your room, at your desk in the study hall, you will find one day this week a white envelope containing a neatly-printed bouquet-card entitled "Christmas Novena For Parents." You will afterwards be glad if you pay attention to that card. It has been printed and delivered to you, at considerable expense, on this assumption: that you naturally love your parents above all and want to make your finest gift to them at Christmas. Look at the card and you will find that it is printed thus:

Masses heard	Rosaries
Holy Communions	Visits
Half-hour periods of Adoration	Ejaculations

Before each of the six spiritual works listed you should be able, before you leave for the holidays, to place a 9 (or the largest number possible). You can do so if you start the Christmas Novena with the rest on December 9 and go through to December 17. Each of these nine days hear Mass, receive Holy Communion, make one half-hour period of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the church, say one Rosary, make one Visit either to the Blessed Sacrament in your hall or to the Grotto, say at least one of your favorite ejaculations. Nine such days and your Novena will be complete. Too difficult? Even for your parents?

To aid you in remembering to make your 9 (or as many as possible) half-hour periods of Adoration, volunteer student-canvassers are already covering the halls. One of these canvassers will approach you (if he has not already done so). Sign one of the cards he presents for each day of the Novena. Day by day each of these cards will be returned to you as a reminder. Each will represent an appointment to vest in cassock and surplice, go before the Blessed Sacrament exposed, and there before Our Lord ask special blessings for your father and mother.

Why should you favor this Novena of all novenas throughout the year? Almost silly question, isn't it? Because this is the gift of gifts that comes, not like your other Christmas gifts, from their bank roll, but out of the sacrifices and resources of your own heart. It represents values beyond all purchase by cash. It will enrichen and gladden most the two souls in the world who love you most. That's why you'll be proud above words to present the completed bouquet-card, your own gift, to your parents on Christmas morning.

Pre-Christmas Charities.

Just before Christmas the Religious Bulletin receives many requests from the poor. Three worthy families are already asking for food, children's clothing, and shoes. Other requests will come and all will be investigated. But our Poor Fund is low. If you would like to join in our pre-Christmas charities, hurry your contribution to one of the offices of the Prefect of Religion: 117 Dillon, 107 Howard, 107 Cavanaugh.

Examination For Chesterton Medal.

Room 112, Administration Building, 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 8. Subject-matter of the examination: apologetic material in Daily Religious Bulletins for 1936-37, the Bulletins for this semester (including those on Spanish communism), and the Paulist pamphlet, "Spain and the Christian Front." Examinations are open to all students. Mr. Lamm will give two autographed copies of his books to the two highest-ranking students in each of the four classes.

PRAYERS: (deceased) son of George D. Locke (Jax Beach, Fla.); Mathew J. Murphy ('75); aunt of Tom McKenna (Mor). Ill, mother of Luke Tiernan ('alsh); father of Dan Schmidt (How); sister of John Murphy (Bro); Sister Finton C.S.C. (St. Mary's); Roger McCormick (Appendectomy) (Freshman); Mrs. Hamman. Four special intentions.