

Grad. students and faculty
in Social Work: Mass for
Fr. O'Connell's mother,
Walsh, Thursday at 7:00.

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Missal Instructions be-
gin tonight in Freshman
Chapels after night
prayer.

Do Your Stuff.

Lenten Adoration begins next Sunday at the
Forty Hours and lasts over forty days. It
is a splendid chance

1. To show your love for Christ,
and, in Him, for one another;

2. And to do penance.

Not that Adoration is, in any sense, pen-
ance. Adoration is love. But to make it
faithfully, at appointed times--that cuts,
that is penance.

Be on time for your period. Cut off that
"swing" from those fancy Manhattan joints,
the boop-a-doop jazz from the Loop. Slip
into a cassock, don a surplice, callous
those knees. Show the penitent giants of
heaven that you, too, have the stuff, that
you're ready to take it--their example of
penance and love.

At Adoration, look up to Christ, Who died
for, lives for you, yearns for you. Tell
Him you want to be cleancut and pure, on
the level with Him and yourself. Tell Him
that you don't know where to buy hairshirts,
that the clank of chains is too showy, but
that instead you'll be on your knees every
day in Lent for a half-hour, or at least
two or three half-hours a week, cost what
it may--a show, a round of pool, an extra
nap--to show Him your love, to do penance
for sin.

What Is This--

A sales talk? Yes it is. (Fooled you that
time.) And the salesmen are the Notre
Dame men who haven't been weak-kneed at
the Adoration of other years. They say:

It brings out the finer side of the
fellows. One can't watch Adoration
without seeing that here real men
are in the making.

It has given me a greater love of
God in the Eucharist, and has helped
me to resist evil thought and all
sins against the Sixth Commandment.

It has made me admit to myself that I
have a vocation. I have been trying

PRAYERS: Ill, grandmother of Wallace Kunkle (So. Bend); Bro. Willibrord C.S.C.; sister
of John Detwiller (Cav); (operation) father of James McInerney (Cav). Six special ints.

to kid myself out of it for a few years.

I was inclined to think at first that
it was overdoing religion, but when I
visited the church I changed my mind.
It is my greatest experience in four
years at Notre Dame.

Don't Be A Softy.

In the early centuries, Christians so lov-
ed Christ and, in Him, one another, that
they willingly sneaked to the catacombs,
said "No" to the brutal emperors, gave
their lives for Christ.

Those early Christians were not all
saints. Sin for sin, they could match the
world of today. But if they were weak,
they were not weak-kneed. Understanding
the malice of sin, they turned to rigorous
penance. They donned sackcloth, wore
chains. Prostrate, they said endless
prayers. They would have doubted their
senses, if the priest said: "Seven Our
Fathers and seven Hail Marys." Tough pe-
nance convinced them, in a practical way,
that sin is not imperfection but vice--
a thing to atone for.

Those early Christians earned their name.

Do you earn yours? Or do you rest content
just to seem a Christian? Why not start,
at Adoration this year, to be a real
Christian? Don't be dwardish when it
comes to showing your love for Christ. He
was a giant. He died for you on the Cross.
He lives for you on the altar. He waits
for you in Heaven. Adoration is your
greatest opportunity now to get acquainted
with Him!

Here 'Tis.

Before this weekend, a volunteer canvasser
will approach you. Show him in. Sign up.
He will later mail you penny postals to
remind you, in time, of your appointments
with God. When he asks you, preferably
to take the harder periods, to avoid gaps,
you'll balk. Then think, "Here's my
chance to love Christ and to do penance
for my sins."