



## *Hail Mary*

*You will want an image of Mary for the Month of the Rosary.*

*It isn't very often that a low-lying cloud conveniently slips behind the Administration Building and catches the silhouette of your Alma Mater atop the Dome.*

*But when that happens, the camera clicks a true picture of Notre Dame's devotion to the Mother of God. Your devotion is something taken for granted—like the silence and darkness of night. Unadvertised, it is quiet but nonetheless very real. The spotlight plays not upon you, but on Mary. And this is no sign of show but serves only to focus the rays of your love upon her.*

*It lights the way of your evening prayers to her feet. And quietly, as you study, this Seat of Wisdom inspires you to stick to your task. In your sleep she protects you. Sometimes students have said that when bad thoughts assail and fret them, they pick this picture out of their memory and it works every time.*

*Yours is the kind of trustful devotion to Mary that counts. You ask her to lead you to God: "Through Mary to Jesus." At dawn, as light begins to flood the hall chapels, she obeys. She whispers, "Arise," and carefully leads you to Mass and Holy Communion with Him.*

*Mary grips this place. She runs it. During October she will often persuade you to visit Her Son in the Chapel of Adoration. For yourselves and for Others she will ask you to say the beads there. She will tell you to remember especially the suffering Others of Europe who beg you to pray for God's peace.*

