

Ill, Father North
(Los Angeles); Bro.
Alan, C.S.C.....

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Deceased: mother of
Lou Podruch (Cav.);
Mrs. Marg.A.O'Brien.

Benedict Chung.

When this Chinese student arrived at Notre Dame last September, he was "Jackson." A little story explains why he changed his name. Now it is "Benedict." You see, even before he arrived, Jackson had his eye on the Church. He had seen it at work in China. Besides, others in his family had already accepted the Faith. One is a nun.

The war in China had depressed him. Separation from loved ones thousands of miles away was no joy. Then a recurrence of tuberculosis struck him and he had to swap his desk in Carroll for a cot out at Healthwin. Really, all these trials were a help. They accelerated his entrance into the Church. To stimulate thought and to set up Faith in a wondering soul is often the mission of sickness.

You know why he took the name "Benedict." It was as an expression of thanks. In China he admired the work of the sons of St. Benedict. When Jackson was just a boy, the Benedictines were teaching at the Catholic University of Peking. Christ likes Benedict Chung in a special way because Christ likes the spirit of gratitude.

He Explains What His Faith Means.

"You have led my soul to the light and made me one of the happiest men in the world. I was so miserable and downhearted because my mind was heavily loaded with worries, fear and darkness, but when I embraced the Church, everything disappeared. I am now a new man completely equipped with faith and hope and the fear of God will lead me through this sinful world."

He Is Feeling Much Better.

"I am glad to let you know that I am no longer a bed patient. My unusual change and speed of recovery prove God's blessing and grace." *** What a fine Catholic sentiment, Benedict, you express. Surely the Carroll Hall boys will come out from hiding under their sheets now and finish up the Novena of Lourdes just for you. Storming heaven with prayers will round out your recovery completely. *** Tonight many an extra visit will be made to the replica of Our Lady's Lourdes Grotto. Students from halls all over the campus will step through the snow to one of the kneelers and plead complete health for you: "Health of the Sick, pray for Benedict."

Something Else Benedict Wants To Tell You.

"I would like our students to know my impression of the University of Notre Dame. I picture our school as a small kingdom of heaven on earth. I find the spirit of the Notre Dame man beyond my expectation. It is the spirit of Christianity. Should the leaders of the world be Notre Dame men, it is certain this earth would have peace and good will. Notre Dame gives the best education and also care both physical and spiritual to its students. I am one of the students who receives the most care." *** "I will pray for you always. (I hope you don't mind if I pray in Chinese)."

If Smug, You Can Skip This.

After reading of Chung, are you satisfied with what knowledge you have of the Faith? Haven't you any desire to share it? Think of the joy you can carry during vacation and after graduation, to Others and to the Heart of Christ. At what personal cost are you willing to spread the knowledge and love of Christ? *** You're not one who tucks his Faith away except for a half-hour on Sundays, are you? You're not one of the "Catholic unemployed?" A "Faith loafer?" *** You who are spiritually on-the-go for Christ and Others, who are proud of your Faith and grateful for it, who have time for Christ, are looking for the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. Meet one another Thursday afternoon at four-thirty in the basement of Walsh, K. of C. Chambers. No admission charge except a little work and some zeal.

PRAYERS: (deceased) John McCaffery '18; Rev. Wm. H. Sweeney (Manchester, N.H.); Mr. Farley; brother of George Aug '33; Sr. Candida, C.S.C.; Mr. Chas. V. Davis (Fordham U. Registrar); father of John Verbanc '35. Ill, brother of Joe McDermott (Walsh); (critically) grandmother of Bern. Jaeger (Mor.); friend of Chick O'Brien (Off-Campus); Geo. O'Neil (Sorin); aunt of Tom Gallagher (Lyons); uncle of Bob Comerford. 8 spec. info.