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All Saints' Day.

Tomorrow is a holy day of obligation and a day of great rejoicing everywhere in the Church: in Heaven, on earth, and in Purgatory.

It's your own feast day (not that you're saints yet) as well as the Saints' and the Poor Souls' for you and they make up the Communion of Saints. You and they and Our Lord make up the Mystical Body of Christ.

The saints are the luckiest of the three "churches" (militant, suffering, triumphant) for they see God face-to-face. Of course, they were not lucky in this sense: they worked for it! Hairshirts, charity always under the most persistent temptations NOT to love, chastity always under the most bitter and relentless temptations NOT to stay pure. As the Scriptures say, "They might have transgressed the law BUT THEY DID NOT."

Next luckiest of the three are the Poor Souls. They are not nearly so "poor" as you. True, they suffer. True also, they cannot help themselves any more, for their time of merit and demerit is past. BUT THEY FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT. THEY HAVE WON THEIR CROWN. They are as sure of heaven as you are of death. Would that you might be as sure of heaven as you are of death! "He that perseveres to the end, he shall be saved."

Remember Those Poor Souls.

Your Mother or Dad, your sister or brother or cousin, that friend you knew as a boy, that girl-friend of years ago who suddenly died-- they may all be suffering tonight in the cleansing flames. Pray for them. "It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead." (Remember Art Tracy, Bill Washington, Emil Luckey, Bill Coogan.)

Nine Masses, starting next Monday will be said for ALL THOSE DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS WHOSE NAMES YOU HAND IN to the Prefect of Religion and his assistants. Tomorrow, although there will be no Bulletin (it's a "free" day here too--thank God!), you'll get a convenient blank to scribble those names on. After you've done your writing, fold the sheet and slip it into the box set aside for the purpose: first floor, your hall, beneath the sign marked "NOVENA FOR THE POOR SOULS, NOVEMBER 6-14."

"Outside" readers may send in names also. No donation is asked or expected.

The sermon next Sunday will stress a practical point, the relation of Penance and Purgatory. There's no getting to heaven till the last farthing is paid. Settle now by discriminate penances! You can whittle the time of suffering down by being TOUGH now.

Then when Monday comes, join the public prayers daily at 5:00 P.M. in Sacred Heart Church for the Poor Souls. TO PRAY FOR THE DEAD IS A SPIRITUAL WORK OF MERCY!

PRAYERS: (Deceased) grandmother of Bill Carroll (P-F); (anniv) father of Chas. Stine; aunt of Joe and John Miller (P-C); Rev. Neil Gallagher (Cleveland); uncle of Francis Haly (P-F); Mr. Lennon, friend of Tom McCabe (Morr.); Mr. Thomas McLaughlin, '16; father of Nick Conner, '32-'35; Rev. Morgan Sheedy (Altoona) LL.D., N.D.; three friends of Joe Mara (Freshman); (ill) friend of Bob Reale (Cav.); grandmother of Ed McKin (Z); Helen Lox (Chicago); mother of John and Bill Heinselman; two friends of Bill Kraft; aunt of Bob Callan (P-F); friend of Frank Albert (Ly.); father of John Ryan (Fresh.); friend of Jerry Smith (Cav.); (injured) brother of Tom Kelly, '40; three special int.

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