

Universal N.D.
Communion Day
Sunday coming.

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Dome Cards
to Missions.

PEACE MEETING
TONIGHT 7:45!

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"....Yes, I WAS Part Of The Gang."

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WHAT
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"I was readin' last night about
the annual Christmas Novena for
Parents, how the canvassers are
makin' the rounds to get me to
sign up for "Adoration."

"You know, my first reaction was the same
as last week when I heard about the Novena
for Chastity. Novena be hanged! Let me
live my own life without suggestions!

"Not havin' too much to do last night, I
sat back and analyzed myself. I found it
wasn't the idea of havin' my religious pro-
gram suggested that made me say No. I was
actin' on a much sillier reason. You see,
the gang I go with doesn't go in for early
Mass and Communion much, and never for
"Adoration," and I'm part of that gang.

"Well, I went into a half-doze and I had a
half-dream and I'm tellin' you sumpin' got
into me. Maybe it was God's grace, maybe
remorse (for I'm candid..... last week I
should have made that Novena for Chastity!)
Maybe it was the idea of doing sumpin' not
for myself but for Mom and Dad. Anyhow, I
snapped out of that spell with one definite
thing in my mind.... From now on I'm bein'
myself, not just part of the gang!"

"I just kept thinkin' along that line.....
Suppose the gang does think I'm crazy if I
get up for Mass and Communion nine days?
Suppose they do figure I'm queer if I sign
up for "Adoration?" What difference does
that make?

"Here I'm just turnin' twenty and it takes
me that long to dope out that I've got my
own soul, I've got my own parents, and
it's none of the crowd's business what I'm
doin' about 'em."

LIKE
EVERYTHING
ELSE.
"So I made me a promise. I'm
makin' that Novena for Parents
if I never do anything else
and if the rest of the gang
sleeps in every mornin'. From now on I'm
showin' some horse-sense and gratitude.

"Result was, I slept much easier last nite
and I made up my mind I'd go to confession

tonight, which I'm going to do. It's
funny the way things work out. But that
one idea of not just being part of
the gang was still in my mind this morn-
in'. It's really worked on me!

"I went into the chapel for the first
time in three months, and had a "talk"
with Our Lord. I kept tellin' Him.....
See, how I went wrong there just 'cause
the gang did.... They said, you don't
need to study for that prof; he's a snaf
and even if things go tough you can
crib so easy. He's never caught one
student yet.....

"Then I told Him about my dates. I ad-
mitted I'd been doin' what was bein'
done. But, by golly, this visit then
started workin' on me and I told Him, I
knew better and I'd do things the way
He wanted 'em done hereafter. I'm keep-
in' that promise. I can easily see how
a fellow and girl feel tops if they
don't and won't do what the gang does
but insist on acting the hard way, the
one way that leads to a happy marriage.
After this, none of the gang's nutty
ideas about a good time. I'm changin'.

IT'S TOO BIG "I realize full well, the
A PROBLEM more I keep thinkin' this
FOR ME ALONE, whole thing over, that I
need help. One place I
can't get any help is from the gang be-
cause the gang's not honest. I know
that. I was part of the gang and I was-
n't honest. So, I'm askin' the priest
tonight when I go to confession for all
the suggestions he has. I want practi-
cal stuff..... How to strengthen my
will, how to break off from occasions
of sin, how to pray, how to make more
out of my Mass and Communion, how to be
a regular guy and still love CHRIST.
One of these nights, I'm goin' to drop
in on one of those priests and figure
out a new plan of life.

ONE MORE "The thing that clinches it
POINT. for me is that I can do a lot
for the gang now by leading
the way. THEY'LL like the right way too."

PLAYERS: (deceased) two friends of Joe (Connell (Ser); (anniv) father of Howard North;
(Ill) friend of Bill Glenn (New); Frank Fitzpatrick '39 (Canal Zone); grandfather of Tom
Fitcharris (Herr) and Bill Fisher (Z); mother of Prof. John Cronin; mother of R. Howley
(Bill); friend of Bill Shea (Pro); friend of Geo. Kelly, Harry McKnight & Bob MacSweeney