

One Benediction  
this evening at  
7:00. First Friday.

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Sunday's Coll. is for  
Mass-Kit for Fr. Wood-  
ward, 1st N.D. chaplain.

Dear Van:

The boys, as predicted, are finally on the march to pray to Our Lady for peace, against war injuries and for you. The figures for Thursday are as follows:

		(%)			(%)
Zahm	98	48	Badin	44	29
Cavanaugh	100	48	Morrissey	63	23
Breen-Phillips	77	41	Dillon	80	30
Basement Chapel	191	63	Howard	44	27
(Bro. and Car.)			Alumni	44	21

Some halls are missing, Van. We didn't think you'd be interested in any hall that wasn't interested at least 20% in peace, against war injuries or in you. Of course, those figures don't show that some go to Mass only, for those intentions, that others pray only at Communion outside of Mass for the intentions. The ideal is Communion within the Mass, as reflected in the figures above, and this Novena consists of Mass, Communion and visits to the Grotto.

Some of the boys haven't started yet, but several, especially those facing army service, have declared that they are not going to lose this chance to pray to Our Lady, Queen of Peace, Health of the Sick and Patroness of the United States. One expressed it this way: "Don't worry, Father, we may be slow starters, but once we start, we are going to go the full nine days of the Novena for peace, against our own injuries and, of course, for Van." "What's holding you down," he was asked, "sand-bags as in Van's case or laziness?" "Listen, Father," was the comeback, "we're going to get those sand-bags off Van plenty fast, once we really start."

Hope you don't have to wait too long for them to start, Van. They're well-intentioned but discouraged and dazed. Some are afraid of confession, maybe. Say a prayer for them. They'll pray for you, later.

#### Spirit of St. Louis.

It took the St. Louis Club to show signs of life. The first club to volunteer to send the Religious Bulletin to Army Camps, that club will be assigned some of the army requests listed in last week's Bulletin from Massachusetts. The Middle-west, alive and charitable, has to take care of the East.

#### Wait For Verification.

The South Bend Tribune by Berlin date-line reported the conversion to Catholicism of the Rev. Niemceller, prominent and heroic Lutheran minister who defied Hitler and landed in a concentration camp. Gratifying though that news is, you should be cautioned in accepting, until verified, any news regarding Catholicism from Europe, especially that with a Berlin date-line. Hitler may be trying to discredit Niemoeller with Lutherans. It may be true, but wait for verification in Catholic papers.

The secular press carried a story not long ago that at the Fulda Conference, the German Bishops endorsed Hitler's entire program. Weeks later, reports showed that the Bishops had scrupulously refrained from making any pronouncement on the political or military situation. Just a few days ago, the secular papers carried a dispatch from Rome stating that the Pope had blessed 200 Fascist soldiers in uniform, en-route to action against the Greeks. Subsequent reports showed that the Pope had blessed, in accordance with his custom, a large group of newly-weds, - among whom were 200 soldiers in uniform, also newly-weds. Take your religious news from Catholic papers.

PRAYERS: (deceased) grandmother of Bob Torrence (Bad.); friend of Bill Carson (Wal.). Ill, grandfather of Jim Wrope (Sor.); brother of Jack Kelley (Zahm); Dick May (Off-Cam.); sister of Jim Fadesky (Cav.); grandfather of Gerald Dunne; brother of Jim Shaughnessy '42; friend of Dick Smith (Lyons). Eleven special intentions.