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improving, but
needs prayers.

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Universal N. D.
night. Confessions
first for Novena.

Give Dad a Break.

A modern father, educational circles report, indignantly wrote to an old-fashioned prep school recently:

"Sirs: You mustn't whack my Philbert. He isn't used to it. We never hit him at home except in self-defense."

Try hitting Dad in the heart for once, not in the pocket-book. The Novena for Fathers will do it: nine consecutive Masses, Communions and Rosaries, beginning Tuesday and ending on the Feast of St. Joseph, April 30.

Don't Expect an Answer.

Last year a junior (whose father was a non-Catholic) was asked if he was making the Novena for his father. "Sure thing," he answered, "I first made it as a freshman and sent him the Novena card showing my 9 Masses, Communions and Rosaries. He never said a word about it, and I wondered how he took it. The next Christmas he asked me to search for something in his wallet. No, I wasn't looking for money. In the section where he kept his most treasured mementoes, like pictures of mother and the family and such things, there I found my Novena card stowed away. I've made the Novena every year since. He has never spoken of it, but he doesn't have to after what I noticed in his wallet."

Mother-love has been glorified and justly so, because it is an ever-recurring miracle. But father-love is no less constant and sincere, though less emotional. He is taken for granted, but it demands self-sacrifice of him to be likewise faithful, hard-working and uncomplaining. Novena cards will be found in each hall mail-room.

Questions From the Questionnaire.

Question. Isn't the Catholic Church's position on divorce narrow? I'm thinking especially of the "hard cases".

Answer. The Catholic Church is not being narrow. It is just being faithful to Christ's command when it refuses to dissolve a consummated sacramental marriage and allow a remarriage.

Certainly there are some "hard cases" where marriage turns out disastrously for some innocent spouse (hence the need for prayer and careful choosing of your wife).

But Christ, who died out of His love for us, had Divine foresight and vision. He must have seen there would be some "hard cases", but for the general stability of marriage He decreed no divorce and remarriage. A few must suffer under such conditions in "hard cases" for the common good. It would not take Divine vision either to see that once the gates were let down and exceptions were made, man with his selfishness and softness would make further exceptions. Consider what has happened historically. Non-Catholic sects at first allowed a divorce and remarriage only for adultery. Now all standards and exceptions have gone and they recognize divorced granted by the state for almost any cause. The other day a wife secured a divorce because of her husband's cruelty. He ate and read at night in bed, and dropped cracker crumbs.

For These, Your Prayers.

Please remember, especially, in your prayers three prominent priest-alumni called to their reward this past week: Rt. Rev. Monsignor Charles H. Thiele, '83, of Fort Wayne; Rt. Rev. Monsignor Gilbert P. Jennings, LL.D., of Cleveland, and Very Rev. Vincent D. Dyer, Chaplain of St. Mary's of the Woods.

PRAYERS. Deceased: Eugene Haller, '37; Ill: W. R. Donnellan; Friend of Jack Russell (Bad); Mother of Al Del Zoppo (Wal); Aunt of George Evans (B-P). 4 Spec. Intentions.