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Are You Interested in Purity?

It's getting close to Christmas. That means close to the glorious Feast of the Immaculate Conception and recalls the Novena, too, in her honor, beginning this Saturday and ending the day before her Feast, December 8th.

The principal petition for the Novena is the grace of Purity.

Are you interested? If you have no devotion to the Blessed Virgin then your mother has left something out of your education and Notre Dame has not yet supplied the defect - and it is a defect, if your feelings are normal. A man without devotion to Mary is strangely out of harmony with the very atmosphere and spirit of her school.

But if you are not interested in the Blessed Virgin, at least you should be selfish enough for your own future to want the grace of Purity.

The Novena Begins Saturday.

Just this year, we have heard of three fairly recent N.D. graduates who have almost ruined their lives by certain incidents which Purity could have averted.

They "couldn't be told" when they were here, why Purity is so important these days. Now that disaster has struck, it's probably too late for them to know and to develop the Faith, the strength, the confidence and optimistic outlook that accompanies development of Purity. More tomorrow: meantime Confession tonight!

THINK.

Many offices and factories have prominent and striking signs containing that single word - THINK. It accomplishes positive and negative results amazingly.

THINK - before you act and you won't be as aimless as a scared rabbit, as the rudderless battleship, Bismarck or as a helpless drunk. You'll get right things done, you'll leave wrong things undone.

THINK - that motto is especially helpful and necessary for youth who is so often thoughtless and impulsive. He wants to do something, inaction he hates. He should do something and not lie around gathering fat, but thinking first will give him a sense of direction: a realization of the effects of his action or inaction on others, his parents, his companions, of harm done by bad habits, bad companions, bad reading: a realization of the lifelong benefit of good habits, good companions, good reading with good ideals and character to make those ideals and ambitions real.

THINK - and you avoid a lot of kinks, sorrow and regrets.

Pray For This Retired Professor.

Death called to his reward yesterday morning Professor Edward J. Maurus, retired. Very few of today's students knew him but for 46 years he was one of the main pillars of the Engineering College.

Graduating in 1893 he began teaching mathematics immediately, doing concurrently graduate work for his M.S. (1895). His ability and inexhaustible energy were rewarded by appointment as head of the Department of Mathematics in which he continued until failing health brought an end to his long and illustrious teaching career.

His influence and his love of students weren't limited to the class room and his Tower Room in Sorin Hall was for years a sure and ever open source of advice and friendship.

PRAYERS:(deceased) P.J. Reilly, friend of T.Trueeman, '41; father of A.Tsiolis (O-C).