

Get to
Confession
TONIGHT:---

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morning

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Has the Notre Dame Spirit Gone South?

With football over, will the spirit of Notre Dame be wrapped in mothballs? Will the Victory March now be silent or will there be an enthusiastic, solid victory march for Our Lady to the rail, - or are the odds too great?

Tomorrow morning will tell when there begins the Novena in honor of the Immaculate Conception to honor Our Lady, to ask for purity.

The real spirit of Notre Dame is naturally the spirit of Our Lady, the spirit of devotion to and love of her Son. One most manly way to show that is a purity of character that will be different, that will stand out in the sordidness and foulness, the despair and cynicism of this world.

The spirit of Notre Dame is not limited to wide-flung gridirons for three months. It asserts itself most triumphantly, more lastingly in the hearts and conduct of her sons showing devotion to her, showing love and loyalty to her divine Son, your Friend. "If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

Youth's greatest battle these days is fighting impurity. To show a worthy love and loyalty to Him, he needs the spirit of Notre Dame, the spirit of Our Lady, the purity, the courage, the help of Our Lady.

Any Hope?

Yesterday's Bulletin regarding 3 N.D. grads raised questions. Let's not wash any dirty linen in public. Come in if you want details, except names.

Those who have great difficulty with this vice should have fear, a salutary, strengthening fear of its results directly and indirectly but above all they should have hope and courage.

There was hope for Magdalene, there was for St. Augustine, there has been for millions of youth who have slipped but rose again, immediately, humbly, courageously, not by themselves alone. No one can raise himself by his own boot straps.

They rose and finally became stronger in will and character because they had to fight, they had to plan to avoid occasions, they had to be tough with themselves.

For that courage and inspiration, they went - and so have thousands of N.D. youths successfully and daily gone - to the secret of chastity mentioned by Cardinal Newman:

"It is the boast of the Catholic religion that it has the gift of making the young heart chaste; and why is this, but that it gives us Jesus for our food and Mary for our nursing Mother?"

THE NOVENA TO HER BEGINS TOMORROW

A Novena as you know is nine successive days of prayer. Here are suggestions:

Go to Mass and Communion every morning.

Say, morning and night three Hail Marys in honor of the Immaculate Conception.

Recite the Litany, visit the Grotto each day.

PRAYERS: (deceased) grandmother of Joe Mannion (Dil); father of R. Tack (Mor.Sem); friend of J. Devlin '42 (O-C). Ill, mother of Joe Keena (H.C.Sem); J.P.Clark, ex'44.