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This Indiana Weather.

Sure it's cold, but healthy too.

Warm and healthy were the souls of those students who their first morning back visited the Chapels to begin the new year with Christ, not a few making Dillon Chapel the first stop from the train.

F.S. For warmth and courage of heart, the buzzers are at your service for confession as usual, with no priorities or rationing.

Time is Short.

Meantime, don't get all upset by talk of an influx of visitors. That can be taken in stride if and when they do come.

You want to take in stride also those exams which will come sooner than usual if their date is advanced which is quite possible.

Early exams mean getting down to business now, which may not be easy, but can be if you'll dump your worries and the jitters at the feet of Christ - and dig in to work.

Begin With Prayer.

The President laudably designated New Years as a day of national prayer. It was noteworthy that that prayer was to be one not of petition only but also "of asking forgiveness for our short comings in the past, of consecration to the tasks of the present, of asking God's help in the days to come."

Truly we owe reparation for past sins, individually and nationally. Neglect of God and of Christian principles always reaps a punishment and this war can easily be a means of chastisement for our sins, individual and as a society and nation.

Start your day - every day here at N.D. - with Mass and Communion, offering up your whole day and your future with all crosses in reparation for past sins and in petition, hoarding up grace and strength for the troubles ahead.

To be worthy of His help, we must first rule sin out of our lives entirely and come back to Him in sorrow and reparation. Then we may be sure He can and will turn any cross into a final victory, as He did with His Son's death.

The Greatest Prayer.

In these days youth needs friendship, most particularly a friend he can count on through all the turmoil, change and upsets of the coming years.

Nowhere will he find the desired friendship with resultant confidence, surety and strength as he will find it in Christ at Mass and in the Eucharist.

At Mass we can experience a daring union with Him Who is the life of the world. No matter how much life buffets us, wears or breaks us, each morning at Mass we can stand face to face with Him Who is our God, our Savior and Friend Divine.

At Mass we are not lost as in a crowd. It is true that all our acts of adoration and praise unite in the Mystical Body to form one common prayer with Him to the Father - but we are not lost in that crowd. Each one of us is a person whom He wants to greet personally as a friend. He is the friend and comforter, who watches us bearing our cross as He did for us, only anxious that we bring the sorrows and complaints of the day to Him - because He loves us and gave His life for us.