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Thanks.

...to all those who made the Bengal Bouts the most entertaining in years - the promoters, the Scholastic, "Nappy", all the benefactors and the fighters themselves, including the St. Eds - Dillon Battle Royalists.

Thanks To Dillon, Also.

...to the few (95 out of 240) who cooperated on the general Easter Duty day last Saturday. One bright spot in the moving and doubling-up is that the total amount of "sophomoritis" in Dillon can't be increased much by the influx of sophomores who generally haven't been affected much this year. If you've survived so far, sophomores, don't catch it now in Dillon. It's in the air thick and heavy and it's contagious. Keep growing up, and don't stop now.

Honor Your Mother and Her Sorrows.

This week there are two big feast days of Our Lady intimately united, though separated by 30 years.

The Feast Of The Annunciation on Wednesday commemorates the visit of the Archangel Gabriel to the Jewish maiden, Mary at Nazareth to receive her consent to become the Mother of God.

At her consent and "Fiat - Let it be done", the Word was conceived in her womb and the Incarnation and Redemption began. Her "Fiat" also was her acceptance to face all that went with being the Mother of the Savior of the world, including her spiritual motherhood of us.

The Feast of Seven Dolors on Friday recalls her great sorrows, the chief one being that at the foot of the Cross.

It was on Calvary's heights that Mary became our spiritual mother, begot us in the supernatural life just as truly as we are born of our mothers in the natural life.

Those two feasts are, you see, intimately united for every one of us, her sons. Make a triduum of Masses, Communions, and Adorations in her honor during those three days Wednesday to Friday, The Annunciation to Our Lady of Sorrows Feast.

Honor and share her sorrows as you would any grief of your earthly mother.

As you gain solace and strength from your mother in times of trouble, you'll receive strength a hundred-fold from that courageous mother, Queen of martyrs.

Some of you are discouraged by the prospect of army service and the interruption of your plans. If you would learn courage, how to face suffering of any kind, learn it from the Mother of Sorrows, who stood courageously at the foot of the Cross when the hardy Apostles fled in terror despite their boasts of loyalty.

Tell her you're sorry for her grief. Thank her too, for being your mother. Tell her you'll face army service and any suffering as a cross in reparation for sins which caused her sorrow. Ask her to protect and guide you until she welcomes you, as a mother should home - to heaven. And until that day, near or distant, ask her to be a true son with her three great loyalties - to purity, to suffering and to her Son.

If you have those you won't wilt in the face of any trouble or temptation. You'll be a son of Notre Dame. You'll be a man!

PRAYERS: (Deceased) Mr. J. McCarthy; Michael F. Burke. (Ill) wife of John Waltz, '29. Four special intentions.