

Benediction tonight  
after hymns and  
at 7:45 p.m.

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Spiritual Bouquet for  
Pope to be cabled week-  
end. Put yours in envelope in  
hall.

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### Size Up Yourself.

Five more days and it will all be over - a year spent in the shadow of the outstretched arms of Our Lady on the Dome. It's time to look yourself squarely in the eye and ask the question: "Have I the stuff it takes to make a man?" Light up the old pipe. Sit down in your easy chair and put yourself against the wall for observation. And don't be easy on the fellow you see. If you don't call a spade a spade you will make a failure out of the lad before you. "Am I a man, a real N.D. man?" This little poem will give you a general rule on which to make a judgment of yourself.

### The Feller Me Mudder T'inks I Am.

Whilst walking down a crowded city street  
the other day,  
I heard a little urchin to a comrade turn  
and say:  
"Hi, Chimmie, lemme tell youse, I'd be  
happy as a clam,  
If only I was the feller dat me mudder  
t'inks I am.  
She t'inks I am a wonder, and she knows  
her little lad  
Could never mix wit' nuttin dat was ugly,  
mean or bad,  
Oh, lots of times I sit and t'ink how nice  
'twould be, gee whiz,  
If a feller was de feller dat his mudder  
t'inks he is." (Will S. Adkin)

### Do You Have What It Takes?

You have failed or succeeded or will fail or succeed in so far as the following are dominant in your life. Unless these shine in you, you are doomed to failure.

PERSEVERANCE. A "quitter", that's the name you give a fellow who does not persevere. Are you one? The "quitter" gives up after a short struggle. He started the year by keeping to a schedule. He started the year with a resolution to conquer anger, impurity, laziness by Mass and frequent Communion. He started to check vulgarity and cursing. He started out with a great chance to make the squad. But all these things took work, and he quit. The "quitter" gives up because he does not have . . .

COURAGE. It takes courage to persevere. Courage implies bravery in facing the hardships to be met in carrying out duty. Weakhearted men fear sweat, suffering, effort. They become the "quitters". The courageous man sees the job and sees its dangers. He does not draw back. He can "take it".

SELF-DENIAL. You can't have everything and success too. Anything which stands in the way of success must be thrown overboard. Whims can't be satisfied. Self must be disciplined. Inclinations must be checked. Occasions of sin must go; drink, bad books, bad companions.

PRAYER. Tell me. Does this fellow before you pray? If he does, he denies himself, and he is not a "quitter". The saints were courageous only because they prayed. If your past is a mess, it's because you have not prayed - daily. St. Paul was a real man; he was scourged, he fasted, took shipwreck cheerfully because he called on God for strength. Prayer makes courageous, persevering men. Where do you stand?

PRAYERS: (Deceased) Mother of Tom Medland, '30. (Ill) mother of John Treacy (Wal); father of Sgt. Alfred Sniadowski. Three special intentions. One Thanksgiving.