

FAMILY ROSARY tonight
in Church at 6:30.
Rosaries at Dillon Rack.

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Fri. 7:30 p.m.) Bookstore.

From A Non-Catholic Aviator.

The following lines are taken from letters written to a Holy Cross priest by a young man, a non Catholic, who spent one year at Portland University, conducted by the Holy Cross priests, and one year at Notre Dame.

After his training period as a Navy pilot:

"Sometimes the flying got tough and I lost a friend. But the world has a sickness, and it is worth while that I give my life to cure that sickness."

After flying in New Caledonia:

"Events move fast in this young flier's life, and since I have been out here fighting, events move with even far greater rapidity and with belligerent deadliness. . . .

The McArthurian saying: "There are no atheists in fox holes" is profoundly true. Atheists are non-existent out here, but fatalists are to an amazing degree. Happily I can say, I am neither the former nor the latter.

"As I see it, if I do my utmost for God, country and self, I will be rewarded in the end. I fear no Japanese, no airplane crack up, or death itself. I trust that the Almighty God is with me, guiding me through "the Valley of the Shadow of Death." And as long as I do my utmost to, for and by Our Lord, Our Lord will help me in His name's sake . . .

"The boys down here are fighters and excellent pilots, and they all have that Christian softness, thank God."

What a great soul this young man would be if he were a Catholic and had the whole of God's truth! Are you as Catholic as he is in your convictions?

From The Father of A Senior

"We cannot imagine any Notre Dame family or any other Catholic family that would not be happy to join in this week of prayer, especially during these turbulent times. Then, too, the fine example set throughout Holy Week will undoubtedly remain with many people who had in the past neglected their religion and it may be the means of bringing many stray sheep back into the fold. It is always customary in our household to attend daily Mass and Communion during Lent and I am proud to say that Mrs. . . . attends Mass every day throughout the entire year, each and every year and almost every day receives Holy Communion. I am not quite so fortunate since my work does not permit me to be at Mass every day, but when I have the opportunity I don't sit around waiting for Sunday or a Holy Day to attend Mass. I attend whenever I can.

"We lost a fine young son on Good Friday morning, April 11, 1941, and had it not been for our religion I don't know just what we would have done. He had hoped to die on Good Friday, just like Christ did, as he said, and God granted his request. God gave him the blessing of a happy and most beautiful death and although we miss him sorely we never question God's wisdom."

God grant us more fathers and families with this true and solid Catholic spirit! Let no reader pass by the last paragraph without saying a prayer for the young son.