

First Fri. Mass tonight
at 5:00 Persevere in
Novena for Purity.

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(deceased): mother of
Coyne Callaghan (Walsh)
(Ill) 2 bros. of Frank
Finneran (Heat Power
Lab.)

An Invitation To A Banquet.

You have been invited to a banquet to be given Sunday. The Banquet Room is the campus Church. The Banquet Table is the Communion Rail. Your host is Christ Our Blessed Lord, and the guests will be all the Catholic students enrolled at the University and all the Notre Dame men throughout the world.

Sunday, December 5, is Universal Notre Dame Communion Sunday, the day on which Our Lady's family will meet at the renewal of the Last Supper and to partake of Divine Nourishment.

The purpose of this gathering around the altar is not for a mere demonstration to the world that Notre Dame men want to recall their friendships with classmates and alumni. Notre Dame will attend this Banquet to actually deepen old friendships, for this is the primary effect of the eating of the Bread of Life, namely, improvement in love for one another. Though not visible to one another and separated by hundreds of miles, Notre Dame men will be united in love that no personal visit could produce. This will be done by Christ and His action in the soul through Holy Communion.

The Pagans Were Shocked.

The early Christians caused wonderment by their charity. The non-Catholic of those days began to detect a Christian by his demonstrations of love for everyone. Of the followers of Christ the ancients would exclaim, "See, how they love one another". Are you giving your non-Catholic roommates and hallmates reason to say of you, "See, how thoughtful and charitable he is towards me and my needs"?

Leave these words of Christ on your desk where you will always be reminded of them: "By this shall all know that you are My disciples, if you have love one for another".

There is no more perfect means for the development of love of neighbor than Holy Communion. It makes brothers born of the same Heavenly Father live as brothers.

The Notre Dame Man At The Last Judgment.

Christ will be the Judge on the Last Day. He will expect to see behind the name of the Notre Dame student in the Book of Life more than ordinary list of charitable acts performed out of love of his parents, his business associates, his wife and children. Why? Because of the daily opportunity given him to develop this fraternal charity through Holy Communion. If God's Providence has brought you to Notre Dame, it seems true to say that He expects you to make the best of your opportunities. God was displeased with the man who went out and buried his talent. Faith without good works is dead. Will you be the just man Christ spoke about in the Gospel?

"Then the king will say to those on his right hand, 'Come, blessed of my Father, take possession of the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me to drink; I was a stranger and you took me in; naked and you covered me; sick and you visited me; I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the just will answer him saying, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry, and feed thee; or thirsty, and give thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger, and take thee in; or in prison, and come to thee?' And answering the king will say to them, 'Amen, I say to you, as long as you did it for one of these, the least of my brethren, you did it for me.'"

Receive Holy Communion Sunday, and every day. It will have its effect now and in eternity.

PRAYERS: Mrs. Daele, the mother of Brother Damian, C.S.C. was buried this morning. Her daily visits and hours of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament at Notre Dame for the students makes every student indebted to her charity. Pray for her.