

(FOR THE CATHOLIC STUDENT AT NOTRE DAME)

Return with Christ in  
your heart, in your mind  
and on your lips.

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A Very Blessed  
Christmas! Visit crib  
in your hall chapel.

### Thoughts At The Crib.

In a sermon on Christmas, St. Augustine says a terrible blow was administered to us in the Garden of Paradise: "Original sin has knocked men out of their senses. Christ was born that we might, through sanctifying grace, regain our right mind."

Visits to the crib will awaken us from this stupefying punch.

The Christ Child in the lowly place of His birth will draw homage out of the heart, even the coldest. That was the first act of the shepherds when they arrived at the crib. The Magi did not hesitate to kneel in reverence to the King of Kings. Homage implies a promise of loving service. At the crib it should be easy to make sincere resolutions to Our Lord to do His Holy Will at home, at work, in the company of others, in solitude. One visit to the crib can change a man. Let it change you.

Every heart at the crib must be a thankful heart. Faith shows the sinner that it is his Savior who is wrapped in swaddling clothes, the God of Mercy who always forgives. The possessor of health, success, virtue, happiness, consolation and other gifts find their Source in the manger. Gratitude is fast leaving the earth. A visit to the crib will keep gratitude to God alive in the soul.

Don't let the humble surroundings of the manger disturb you. Born in poverty this infant King is rich in favors. Ask for everything you wish. Pray for others, for peace, for the restoration of all things in Christ.

### After Effects.

Our friends, our work, should find us different after meditation at the crib. Touched by the humility of God being born in poverty, we should be humble, less domineering, more inclined to be generous towards others because of the generosity of Christ towards us.

### How To Spend Friday.

Live the day before Christmas in expectancy of your Christmas Mass and Holy Communion, when Christ will come to the crib of your heart to be reborn spiritually. To live Christmas Eve with out thoughts of the coming of the Savior sacramentally is to live in a pagan manner. Be alive to the occasion. If the day passes without expectancy, then we must confess Augustine was right: "Original sin has knocked men out of their senses".

### Dies Suddenly.

In the recent death of Thomas O'Neil, '13, Notre Dame has lost a faithful alumnus, a generous benefactor and a staunch apostolic Catholic. The home of Mr. O'Neil in Miami, was always open to all the Notre Dame Service men. They will miss the charity and encouragement of their genial host. Mr. O'Neil was the father of Tom O'Neil who left the campus recently to enter the Service and the father-in-law of Lieut. Richard O'Melia '39. Remember Mr. O'Neil at Mass today.

### Last Minute Confessions.

During Afternoon Masses (No 6:45 P.M. in Dillon Friday)  
All morning and evening in Sorin and B-P, after 7:30 P.M.  
Basement Chapel after 6:30 P.M.  
Christmas Eve, in the Church.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC STARTS AT 11:30 P.M. CHRISTMAS EVE IN CHURCH. MASS STARTS AT 12:00  
NO SEATS HELD FOR STUDENTS AFTER 11:45 P.M.