

(FOR THE CATHOLIC STUDENT AT NOTRE DAME)

Half-hour of Adoration
Sunday after supper,
6:30 to 7:00 P. M.

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If you have not been
confirmed, leave name
with one of the Chaplains.

Two Examples Of Devotion To Mary;

Two evenings ago, the newspaper carried a front page story of the reported apparitions of our Blessed Mother to a little peasant girl in Italy. As the story goes, the Blessed Virgin appeared to the young girl and talked to her, and in one apparition even predicted that July would see the end of the war.. The Catholic Church has made no statement about the truth of these visits of the Mother of God. We must wait until the Church makes Her usual careful investigation before accepting the story.

Two letters recently received show how a living Faith brings the soul to a keen realization of the nearness of Our Blessed Lady and her motherly watchfulness. The men who wrote the following letters see their Heavenly Mother every day with the eyes of Faith.

The first letter gives an example of charity to officers in the Service and to leaders in any responsible position. Charity urges one to pray for those under his charge. The Army man who wrote this letter is somewhere in the Atlantic area. It makes us wonder if we are praying enough for others.

"It is the desire of this writer to inform you that he has allotted to your office a Ten Dollar War Bond every month for the purpose of defraying the expense of keeping a candle burning before the statue of the Blessed Virgin at the University. This, I believe, will make Mary ever mindful of keeping a watchful eye over the Officers and Enlisted Men of this Corps. I know that the Queen of Heaven and Notre Dame will not forget us when spiritual and temporal assistance is needed."

The second letter is about an officer who took his midshipman's training at Notre Dame. He saw and talked to Our Blessed Mother at the Grotto. In his will which he made out before the invasion in which he participated nine hours after the attack began, he requested that a white rose be placed at the foot of the Blessed Virgin at the Grotto on the anniversaries of his entering and being commissioned in the Service. A paragraph from a letter written to his mother is food for reflection..

"I am doing my part for the honor and glory of God to restore the right God has given us of worshipping and loving Him as He wishes. If I get killed, I wish to offer my life to God. What greater pleasure could a man ask for in this?"

A man has not begun to live until he has brought the Mother of Christ into his life. Don't forget: she is your Mother. Generations of Notre Dame students have increased their devotion to her by daily visits to the Grotto.

More Gold Stars.

Capt. Edward T. Clarke, '39, Des Moines, Iowa, killed in South Pacific.
Lieut. Joseph A. Matson, '42, Bolivar, N. Y. , killed in plane crash Greenville, Tenn.
Lieut. John E. Walsh, '39, Chicago, Ill., formerly "Missing", now "killed in action"
Sgt. Louis L. Kmet, 'ex.44, Maywood, Ill., killed in Africa, May 1943.
Sgt. Arthur F. Stancati, ex. '46, Red Bank, N. J. killed in England June 6, 1944.
Lieut. Wm T. O'Brien Jr., '40, River Forest, Ill. killed in China, bomber crash.
Capt. Joseph Stulb, '40, Augusta Ga., Marine killed in Pacific area.
Ensign Norbet Elliott, ex. '44, Albany, N. Y. killed in plane accident in Florida.
Edward J. Dunham, '42, Brooklyn, N. Y. , killed in France July 7, 1944.

PRAYERS: (deceased) brother of Prof. Don and former Prof. Devere Plunkett.