

(FOR THE CATHOLIC STUDENT AT NOTRE DAME)

Confessions every
evening at 6:30 in
Basement Chapel.

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Pray for a just peace,
the dying, the Holy
Father and for your
parents.

The Football Team Prays.

Yesterday the football squad met in Dillon Hall chapel. There was a two-fold reason for this meeting: to dedicate the fall practice sessions, with all the bumps, bruises and exertion that goes with the daily training to the glory of God and the exaltation of Mary, the Mother of God, after whom Notre Dame (Our Lady) is named; and to ask God to protect every player from injury.

Pat Filley led the squad of nearly a hundred men in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin, and then the Prefect of Religion blessed each player individually at the Communion rail with a relic of the True Cross. One of the most edifying moments of the whole ceremony came after the blessing when each member of the squad stopped at the Rockne Memorial shrine in Dillon chapel to say a prayer for "Roc" and to ask his help for a successful season.

Get up for an extra Mass and Communion this week for the team. The players expect you to support them by your prayers. Don't let them down.

A List Of Complaints.

1. Notre Dame hopes she is not breeding a swarm of delinquents. The number of civilian students who came late to the 10:10 Sunday Mass was a scandal. The Freshmen headed the list of offenders. Don't take Mass tardiness lightly. There is venial sin involved. And if slight sin does not ruffle the guilty parties, they had better take to heart what God says to them: "I know thy works; thou art neither cold nor hot. I would that thou wert cold or hot. But because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to vomit thee out of my mouth." (Apoc. 3, 15)
2. Every student must be neatly dressed at the Sunday Mass. A clean shirt should be in evidence. Sloppy attire manifests a sloppy attitude of reverence towards God and His worship.
3. There is a great collection of noises at the Sunday Masses. The coughers are in the lead to date, followed closely by the confessional door slammers. Some students slide down the aisles as gently as a Sherman tank. The church is a place of worship. People are trying to pray. Think of them. Charity demands that you respect the rights of others.

A Question.

A former student has written in about his life with the Navy. He has been on sea duty with a flotilla for a quarter of the year, more precisely, four and one-half months, and has never had the opportunity to assist at Mass, go to Confession or receive Holy Communion during that period. We are not worried about Him. His life of prayer and devotion to Mass and the Sacraments assure us that he will be strong enough to stay in the state of grace.

The Chaplain is worried about a number of servicemen. Can they remain in God's grace for a long period? Not at the rate they are going. They are not storing up a reserve of strength for the future. They are seldom at the Communion rail. They make no effort to assist at the afternoon Mass. For them the Grotto is just a short cut to the laundry and not a shrine of prayer. Death comes like a thief in the night; no one knows when he will call. It is doubtful some servicemen will have a happy death, at the rate they are praying.

PRAYERS: (deceased) Robert Gruhler, friend of Jim Schoen (Dil); aunt of Brother Philbert, C.S.C. (Ill) brother of Joe Leahy, wounded in France. John Maloney, '45, ill at Pearl Harbor; wife of Chief Guidry. One Thanksgiving. 2 Spec. Intentions.