

(FOR THE CATHOLIC STUDENT AT NOTRE DAME)

If you are beginning the University of Notre Dame On Saturday, Rosary and  
Novena for Exams today, Religious Bulletin -- Benediction at 11:00  
it will end day of exams. October 11, 1944 in the Lady Chapel.

What Notre Dame Men Say Today.

The student who prays fervently to Our Blessed Mother finds that She becomes his life, his sweetness and his hope. Former students, now on the fighting front, are convinced that the Mother of God travels along with them. Here are testimonies from recent letters. The first is written by a Captain on the Italian front, the other by a naval officer soon to see action on the Pacific.

"In my sojourn on this peninsula of Italy it has been my privilege to visit Rome. I have been highly honored in that I was able to attend a semi-public audience with the Holy Father the Pope. In the company of three other officers I was granted this favor by the Holy Father.

"At this time of the year one's thoughts naturally return to our Alma Mater and although 14 years have passed since we have left her sacred wall, I know for sure now that the Blessed Mother watches over her own. In that time many things have happened, especially during the last 25 months. I am sure the others of all classes that are in the same position feel her guiding hand too. I know I did, during the darker days in Africa. Sometimes when the going particularly was tough it seemed to me someone whipped out words of encouragement, and I am sure it was she. Please remember us in your prayers."

(From Ensign Joe) "You know, Father, just meditating a bit, the Blessed Mother certainly looks after me-- puts me on a ship with one of her sons. (His superior officer is a N.D. grad) She always seems to unite her boys wherever they go. No one should be more thankful to her than myself. Remember me in your prayers, and don't write my obituary. I'll be back as sure as there is a Grotto down by the lake. We can't lose with Our Blessed Mother always at our side."

What They Said Seven Years Ago.

In 1937 a questionnaire was sent to the student body. One question asked: "What have been the results of your devotion to the Blessed Virgin?" The replies will help you be more convinced that Our Lady will never let you down.

"Devotion to her is regular now. Things go wrong when I break it."

"The Grotto seems to me the place where troubles are smoothed out."

"She's never let me down and I've asked some tough ones."

"I am acquainted with her -- she is more than a statue or a name."

"She sort of take my mother's place around here."

"I see the futility of going with dizzy gals and think of my sweet, pure hometown girl. (God bless her !)"

"I always pray to her for the means to send myself, my brother and sister to school and keep our family as contented and happy as possible. The prayers have been heard."

PRAYERS: Harold Roger Sweeney, ex. '40, USMC, Pelham, N.Y., killed in air crash, a cousin of Bill Dougherty, USMCR (Cav). Sgt. William F. Dold, '45, Glenridge, N.Y., killed over Germany. (Total killed in Service to date: 140). (Deceased) brother of Lou Scott; grandfather of Al D'Alonzo (Cav); Lieut. Wm Jackson; Al Smith, Laetare Medalits, 1929; friend of Dick Martin (Sor); cousin of Fr. Simonitsch, C.S.C.; Mrs Emma Van Paemele. (ILL) friend of Fr. Cunningham, C.S.C.; Robt. McDonald, '46 wounded in action. Two Special Intentions.