

The NOVENA for MOTHER'S
DAY began today. Did you
start? Late Mass: Sorin, 7:20

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Communion is distributed all
morning in Sorin Chapel.
Confessions heard also.

Shepherd Takes New Flock

A newspaper reporter once asked Rockne, "Why have your teams been so successful? You must have some help. Who are your assistants? To which Rockne answered: "That fellow over there," nodding his head in the direction of a priest, "is my first assistant." "Who is he?" asked the reporter, "Father John O'Hara. He keeps these fellows fit."

Rockne realized that his rugged, inspired, clearheaded athletes were those who were spiritually sound. Father O'Hara was in charge of the spiritual welfare of the campus as Prefect of Religion, and he did his coaching from the classroom, pulpit, and at the Communion rail through frequent Communion.

Pope Pius XII saw what Rockne saw in Father John O'Hara. When the war began and the Pope needed a priest to keep the boys in the armed forces spiritually fit, he sent to Notre Dame for Father O'Hara and appointed him Bishop of all the Catholics in the fighting forces of the United States. At the time of his appointment, 1940, Father O'Hara was president of Notre Dame. In the same year he was consecrated Bishop in Sacred Heart Church.

Notre Dame students in uniform on the campus and elsewhere throughout the world have a special claim on Bishop O'Hara. They can say with pride, "He is OUR bishop." For John O'Hara was a N.D. man too. He had walked the familiar campus paths, lounged beneath the same shade trees along the lake shore and took class in the same rooms under the Golden Dome. And if one looks carefully enough, he will find the O'Hara name scratched with thousands of other students in the soft brick in the walls of the old boat house on St. Joseph's lake, and perhaps behind the name will be the year of graduation, '11.

And now the servicemen and servicewomen are losing their shepherd. The Holy Father has found need of sending Bishop O'Hara to tend a new flock. On May 8 the Bishop will be installed as Bishop of the diocese of Buffalo.

All of us, whether in uniform or not owe Bishop O'Hara a debt of gratitude. If he has not kept us fit because we have not been in the service, he has kept our brothers, sisters, relatives and friends in spiritual fighting trim. His was the greatest diocese in the world. Wherever a Yank set up camp, in India, Alaska or Germany, there was the Bishop's territory. He has made it possible for the millions in his sheepfold to have the benefits of chaplains, Mass and the Sacraments, along with the other spiritual facilities that are a part of Catholic life.

The naval students at Notre Dame have already thanked Bishop O'Hara for his goodness towards them. They have sent to him a Spiritual Bouquet in which each pledged Mass and Holy Communion for success in his new apostolate. Tomorrow morning remember him in your own Mass and Holy Communion. All Notre Dame wishes the Bishop God's blessing on the shepherding of his new flock.

PRAYERS: (deceased) brother of Mother Veronique, C.S.C.; father of Arthur, '15, Frank, '15, James, '23 and Frederick, '32, Carmody; Sgt. Edward Sweezy, friend of John Powers, Gene Austin and Bob Lewis (Sorinites); Mrs. William Brownlee, grandmother of Art Coughlan (B.P.); Brothers Alphonse and Adolphus (Christian Brothers), friends of Henry Lim (Sor), killed in war area; father of Allan Collins, ex. '34; grandmother of Jack Guenther (7); Sgt. Vic Gutchenretter, ex. '45, injured in Germany; grandmother of Jim Marheine (Cav); mother of John Cannella (St. Eds); friend of Bill Hamilton (Cav) One thanksgiving on the occasion of 55th wedding anniv. of parents of Paul Stokley (OC)

HYMN SINGING EVERY NIGHT (EXCEPT SAT. AND SUN.) AFTER SUPPER AT GROTTA.
DAILY ADORATION - FOR PEACE - 12:30 to 5:00 in Church.