

Are you making the Xmas
Novena for your Parents?
Mass, Communion, Rosary,
Visits to Bl. Sac. and Grotto.

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Drop into the Church for
a visit between classes.
Adoration is going on.

Veterans! ! Don't Forget.



The Mass for the N.D. War Dead which all of you are planning to attend will take place next Sunday in the church at 8:00 A.M.

This Mass, along with your Holy Communion, will be your Christmas gift to all N.D. Gold Star parents. A Christmas card with your spiritual gift mentioned on it, will be mailed to each family this week.

After Mass there will be a Communion breakfast in the Dining Hall -- smokes, speakers and all. The Mass and Breakfast are open to ALL VETERANS whether they have joined the Vets Club or not.

Bring your voices; there will be singing at Mass. The time: 8:00 A.M. (not 9:00)

Sorin's New Memorial Altar.

Jim Hackner, '42, of LaCrosse, Wisconsin, was killed in action in the Bay of Naples December 2, 1943. The Hackner family, wishing to perpetuate Jim's sacrifice have given a specially designed altar to Notre Dame for Sorin hall chapel. Into this altar, which is liturgical in design, has gone the best woodcarving in the country.

Great devotion has also gone into this altar. Jim's father and uncles are altar designers. When Jim was home he used to drop into the Hackner factory and talk with the workers. His winning ways made him a great friend of the employees. The best talent in the studios were assigned to make this Memorial. A cabinet worker who has had over fifty years experience with the firm did the woodwork. A 77 year-old man carved the design in the Communion rail and a woodcarver from Oberammergau carved the large crucifix which is the central design of the altar. Jim's grandfather, now 90 years-old, the founder of the firm and a woodcarver himself, came to the factory to pass upon the work and to make suggestions. The convent in which Jim's aunt is a nun made the tabernacle veils.

A number of students who knew Jim were present at the high Mass Saturday morning when the altar was formally dedicated. John McHale played football with Jim in their freshmen days at Notre Dame. Another student, Paul Qualy, played ball against Jim in high school. Fred Funk of LaCrosse, a close friend of the Hackner family was also present.

Sorin hall and frequent Communion at Notre Dame are closely associated. It was in Sorin chapel that hundreds of Communions were distributed daily. In the twenties when a large percentage of students lived off campus, as many as five hundred Communions were distributed in a single day at the Sorin rail. The Memorial altar carries this history into it by means of a pelican feeding its young by pecking out bits of its own flesh and giving it to her offspring. The design symbolizes Christ giving His Body to be the food of the faithful by Communion.

Drop into Sorin chapel to see this Memorial. It will give you an appreciation of good taste in design. Of course, say a prayer for Jim Hackner and for his mother who died a few weeks after Jim entered Notre Dame.

BENEDICTION AT 5:00 P.M. every day during NOVENA FOR PARENTS