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A Plea For Prayers.

"Dear Father: There is a girl in this parish who has been seriously ill for the past eight months. In the opinion of physicians she should have died months ago. I am very much interested in her because of her faith and her belief that since God has allowed her to live so long when medical science held out no hope for her, it is just possible that He has some work for her to do. That work might be no more alluring than suffering with patience for some good cause.

"Now I have great faith in Blessed Martin de Porres, who recently wrought a wonderful change in my life. One who has been told that he has cancer and not long to live and then find after invoking Blessed Martin's intercession and being blessed with a relic of his is told by the same physician and his associates that something miraculous must have happened because the cancer had completely disappeared -- such that one's faith naturally would become very active.

"Now, Father, I have invoked the help of Blessed Martin for this girl's physical and spiritual welfare and I have blessed her with the same relic which I am leaving with her for a few days. There has been wonderful improvement in many ways. Nothing short of a miracle can restore this girl's - she is only twenty-four - health.

"Here is where your help is requested. I assured her that she would be remembered, perhaps daily, in the prayers of those fine young men at Notre Dame -- and perhaps in their Masses and Communions. She is really vitalized just now with this new hope, although she is perfectly resigned to die, if it is God's will.

"Please put this up to your "prayers" in such a way as to get them interested in this opportunity to participate in a miracle."

Communion Question.

"I have a cut inside my mouth which often bleeds. If I swallow blood that flows from it after midnight, may I go to Communion?" Reply. Yes, you may receive Holy Communion. The same problem may confront those whose teeth bleed when they brush them on the morning of Communion. The fast is broken only if the substance is taken into the stomach from outside the mouth after midnight. Food may be taken before midnight, but if small particles lodge between the teeth and then become dislodged and swallowed before Communion; one may receive, because nothing was taken from outside the mouth after midnight.

PRAYERS: (deceased) Tom Draper, ex. '48 (2nd Anniv.); Jim Brady, friend of Ben Koebel (Dil). (Ill) aunt and uncle of Harry Higgs

(St.Éds); Dr. Val Blatz, '40; Joseph Menger, '25.

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