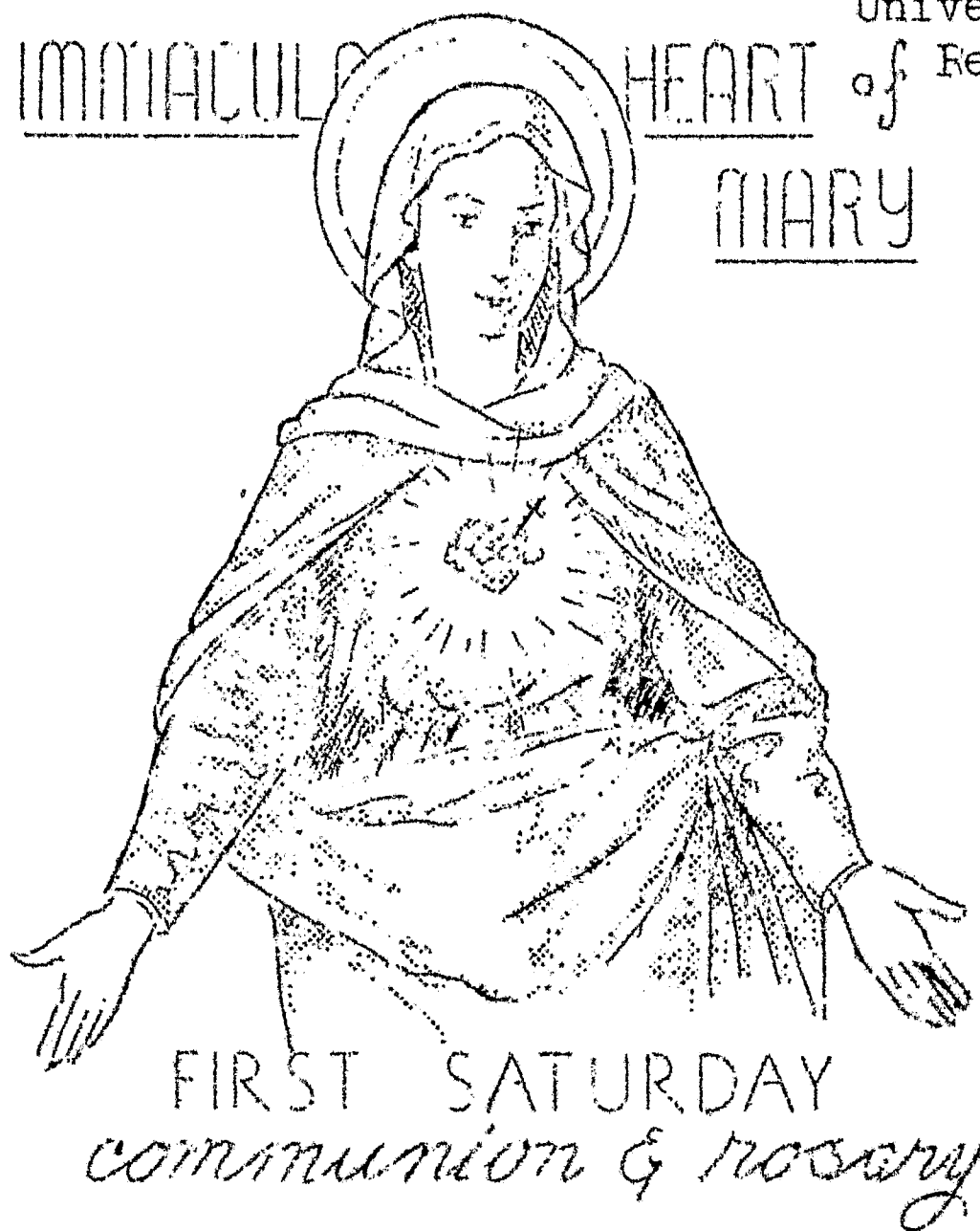


IMMACULATE HEART of MARY

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The First Saturday Promise

Our Blessed Mother wants the first Saturday of every month dedicated to her, just like Our Blessed Lord desires the first Friday to be consecrated to Him.

Our Blessed Mother has specified what she wants done on the First Saturdays. She made known her will at Fatima in 1917. To all those who take up this devotion for five consecutive First Saturdays she promises "help at the hour of death, with the graces needed for salvation."

The devotion consists of; Confession, (7 days before or after) Communion, the Rosary with meditation, and the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Your Little Prayer Will Help.

The Novena for Vocations sign on your hall bulletin board to vocations to the priesthood and to the religious life. We hope you did not pass the sign by saying, "This is one Novena that is not for me." Because this Novena is for you, whether you are engaged, or married or still single with no present anxiety about matrimony.

This Novena is for you, because priests and religious dedicate their lives to your service. There is a terrible shortage of vocations at the present time. Unless you pray matters won't improve.

We are not asking you to burden yourselves with many prayers. We want you simply to say ONE PRAYER or offer ONE ACT OF SELF-DENIAL each day during this Novena that God will send the grace of a vocation to someone.

Of course those who think God is calling them to the priesthood or to the religious life ought to do more than say a single prayer. They will obtain the light they need more quickly if they will assist at Mass and receive Holy Communion and say the Rosary.

The Novena will begin next Tuesday and end on the feast of the Patronage of St. Joseph, who took infinite pains in caring for Christ, the first priest of the New Law.

Last Reminder About Special Indulgence.

Here is now you can obtain a plenary indulgence for a departed soul, one who died as a consequence of the recent war. Between now and Sunday, confess you sins, receive Holy Communion and pray for the intentions of the Pope (the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be, etc. suffices). Charity for your own war dead should prompt you to gain this rich indulgence.

PRAYERS: (deceased) Walter Barry, ex. '44; aunt of John Collins (OC); friend of Al Motzel (Ly). (Ill) grandfather of Geo. Bariscillo (Al); Don Krebs (B-P), injured on way back to school. Two Special Intentions. Two Thanksgivings.