

# CHRISTMAS NOVENA FOR PARENTS

BEGINS THURSDAY

DAILY ADORATION  
8 TO 5

## You Must Attend Mass Wednesday

Tomorrow, December 8, is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady, a Holy Day of obligation. You must be present for a whole Mass tomorrow. The hours of Mass on the campus will follow the Sunday Schedule.

Be prepared to honor the Mother of God on her feast day not by Mass alone, but also by receiving Holy Communion. She is anxious that everyone become more virtuous. Holy Communion is the source of all the virtues. Let her see you at the rail in her honor.

## Our Weak Brethren

Two weeks ago a layman interested in the welfare of Notre Dame was scandalized. He attended the 11:10 o'clock Sunday Mass and was unpleasantly shocked to see a number of students leave Mass at the Communion time. He counted fifty students hurrying out before Mass was over.

Last Sunday the Prefect of Religion happened to be in the back of the church at Communion time of the 11:10 o'clock Mass. And the same thing happened. A large number of students jumped up and headed for the exits, as if the Communion bell were the signal for them to make their dash for the doors.

The departing students were stopped, and they showed amazement that anyone should question their departure. Can any Catholic be so uninformed about his Mass obligation that he does not know that he must remain until the prayers at the end of Mass has been said, on Sundays and Holy Days?

Those who slip out of church on days of obligation without a reasonable excusing cause, like sickness, are guilty of sin.

Those students who left Mass early are guilty of disobedience. God speaks through His Church, and the Church has made it clear that a Catholic must assist at a whole Mass on days of obligation. Those same students were guilty also of uncharitableness because in their anxiety to depart they pushed others around, and distracted others at prayer by their untimely walking about. When these guilty students meet God on Judgment Day, He will tell them they were selfish, because they wanted no one to beat them to the best spot in the cafeteria line.

Students who fool with their Mass obligations are not wanted at Notre Dame. They will not be missed. A thousand worthy applicants are waiting to receive a Catholic education and to be loyal to their Faith.

PRAYERS: (deceased) father of Leonard Hess, '25 (San Antonio); Francis Began, '28; Eugene Heidelman, '22 (Altadena, Calif); Dr. Robert Lilla, '21 (Nucleo, Colo); grandfather of Bob Campbell (Sor); mother of Paul Byrne (Librarian). (Ill) Miss Eda Schibret, aunt of Don Macdonell (Vetville). Nine Special Intentions.

