

Prayers: (dec'ed) mother of D. University of Notre Dame
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Note: Destroy any and all
chain letters requesting
prayers.

"Oh, My Aching Back!"

A house painter fell from his scaffolding,
broke his back on an iron fence. Rushed to
the hospital, x-rayed, he was put in a
body cast, paralyzed from his hips down.

He called for a priest. "Father, I'm
going to be crippled for the rest of my
life, if I live....I've been away from
the sacraments for years.....I don't even
say the three Hail Mary's I promised my
mother I would say every night of my life.
.....I thought I could get along.....I
was raised right.....Mother taught me cate-
chism when we lived on the farm.....She
was a very religious woman as all old-
fashioned mothers are.....After she died,
twelve years ago, I married outside the
Church and quit going to Mass altogether.
....But I've done a lot of thinking these
past two days....I see clearly now: God
had to break my back to wise me up.....I
want to go to confession, Father."



For our purposes there is no difference between an "aching back" and an "aching
conscience." There's only one place where "aches" can be assuaged--in the confessional.
A word of warning--don't wait until God has to "break your back" to wise you up.

Now's Your Chance.

Next Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King, the day every Notre Dame student should
receive Holy Communion and pay in that way his homage to Christ His King. Totalitari-
anism is an ugly word when understood as Communism. But to be a loyal subject of the
Kingdom of God you have to be a "totalitarian", understood in its best sense. You
have to be all-out for God and everything God stands for. The First Amendment of God's
Constitution is the First Commandment. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy
whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole mind."

It's Time to Start Thinking of the Poor Souls.

The Church dedicates the month of November to the Poor Souls in Purgatory. She re-
minds us in this way that in the Communion of Saints we have a duty to our departed
mothers, fathers, relatives and friends, a duty which we are inclined to neglect un-
less our attention is called to it by frequent reminders.

The Novena for the Poor Souls is Notre Dame's way of helping you to fulfill your duty
toward your deceased relatives and friends--those who have a right to your prayers.
This Novena will begin Thursday, November 3. Before that time you should make a list
of those for whom you want the prayers of your fellow students. These slips may be
left in the boxes at Dillon and Lavanaugh pamphlet racks.

A local belle advises us that those whom the Bulletin calls Walgro Rangers her friends
call Walgro Commandos. Our artist has prepared a portrait of a Walgro Commando. Will
appear soon.

Prayers: (dec'ed) P. Cummings; father of J. Evans (O-C); fr'd of A. Gatuac (Za).