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Business And The Beads.

"The man who had led a fight that saved thousands of workers from death in the past 14 years died at work yesterday." (Pittsburgh Press)

A reporter thus eloquently describes the professional life of John F. McMahon, '28, Managing Director of the Industrial Hygiene Foundation of Mellon Institute. This Foundation sponsors research into the causes and remedies for health hazards in industry.

He died of a heart attack on the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows as he left his office to attend a staff meeting. A quick thinking associate fetched a priest from the nearby cathedral who gave him the last rites. As he slumped to the floor he held in his left hand a sheaf of papers and, in that first sharp thrust, his right hand grasped for his beads in his coat pocket. That final conscious gesture sums up the guiding principles of his life.

He never made his religion obtrusive but he always made it felt by word and example. He dealt with men who were the makers or controllers of millions yet he was singularly untouched by the making of money for itself. He never sought or made headlines in the generally popular sense but the work he did blazoned afar in lessened dangers deep in mines, before flaming furnaces or wherever men toil with hazard to their lives.

He had three loves--his family, his work and Notre Dame. The inspirations he got here as a student he kept refreshed by frequent contacts. His greatest joy was the organization and promotion of the annual weekend retreat at the Passionist Monastery in Pittsburgh for the Notre Dame men of that area. Six of them were his pallbearers. His burial was on the twentieth anniversary of his marriage. That day he was to have presided at a meeting of the eastern governors of the Notre Dame Endowment Foundation. Our prayers for him will bring comfort to his valient wife and their sons, John and Michael. (---Contributed by Rev. Lawrence Broughal, C.S.C.--)

The Rosary And You.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. For clients of Our Lady the Rosary is a beautiful prayer. In the first place, the devotion was revealed by her to St. Dominic. Secondly, it interweaves the two kinds of prayer, mental and vocal. Thirdly, its vocal prayers were given to us by divine inspiration: The Our Father by Our Lord Himself, the Hail Mary by the Angel Gabriel and Elizabeth, under the direction of the Holy Ghost.

Men who learn to love the Rosary, and who carry their beads in their pocket, have an unfailing source of strength against temptation. You have only to experiment with reaching for your beads when temptation arises to know how true this is. And that lesson you can learn now, today, and make it so habitual that at the moment of death you, as John F. McMahon, will instinctively reach for your beads--and have them.

Is the Rosary your mother's favorite prayer? It is for many, many mothers, and it gives them the strength every mother needs--especially the mothers of boys who wander from their early training and are not turning out just right. (Rosaries are at the Dillon and Cavanaugh pamphlet racks.)

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Dillon Chapel Confessions: A confessor is on duty from 6 to 10 each night. The hours have been extended so that those who have already made their daily Grotto visit, and off campus students, may get to confession before going to town.

Prayers: Rev. Edward Howard, '12, died recently. Father Eugene Burke, C.S.C., was operated yesterday. Father Cunningham is much improved. Barbara Dolan, seriously hurt. Friend of John Minck (Alu) killed Korea. Appendectomy: Pat Healy (Morr).