

Prayers: 3 friends of Tom University of Notre Dame ...of Art Goldcamp died. Ill:
Kleet killed in Korea; friend Religious Bulletin father of T. Mullen; Mr.
of J. Patterson killed; father October 5, 1950 Thomas Beacon, trustee.

F I R S T F R I D A Y !

"I promise thee in the excessive mercy of My heart that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who communicate on the First Friday in nine consecutive months the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in my disgrace without receiving their Sacraments; My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment."

Here at Notre Dame where devotion to the Blessed Sacrament is preeminent, the Nine Fridays should always be on a prominent page of your spiritual diary.

There are many common interests, many common ties which bind men in close union with one another--race, nationality, family, country, school, work, clubs, organizations.

These ties, however, are accidental and cannot be compared to the substantial bond of love which united men through the Eucharist. Christ is the Common Man without peer, for He is common to all, old and young, rich and poor, man and woman, cleric and layman, if they but live His life and feed their souls on His Body and Blood.

Have you shown any neglect of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, any irreverence in preparation and thanksgiving? Make reparation for your slights at Holy Communion tomorrow. Don't wait to get to confession in the morning--go tonight.

F I R S T S A T U R D A Y O N D E C K !

"My child, behold my heart surrounded with the thorns which ungrateful men place therein at every moment, by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least, try to console me and tell them that I PROMISE TO HELP AT THE HOUR OF DEATH with the graces needed for salvation; whoever on the FIRST SATURDAY OF FIVE CONSECUTIVE MONTHS, shall CONFESS and receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the rosary, with the INTENTION OF MAKING REPARATION.

The practice of observing the First Saturdays began at Fatima where the Blessed Virgin herself outlined the devotion in detail. We aren't appealing to your gambling instincts or encouraging DOUBLE OR NOTHING. But here you have two FIRSTS put to you, one by Our Lord, the other by His mother. Both promise special graces for the moment of death.

Final Impenitence. . . .

. . . is the last and worst of six sins against the Holy Ghost. It is unforgivable because the sinner dies unrepentant. Next to Final Impenitence on the list is OBSTINACY IN SIN. It is a terrible sin and has tragic effects because by its nature it leads to final impenitence.

Your attention has been called once before this year to the fact college men die, sometimes as freshmen, sometimes as seniors. Last year three undergraduates, three frequent communicants, were called by God. All three were fully prepared to die. Only Ray Esponan was conscious till the end--he prayed and offered his suffering for those who were not getting to the sacraments. After his death a few big fish were caught in the net of God's mercy.

The world may be going to the devil but that does not mean its misery needs your company. God's graces are abundant here. Those who reject them for one sad reason or other, or who go on in sin may look well to their spiritual condition. God is not mocked.