

Pray the Mass with a missal.
Remember the team! Where?
Carry your beads. . .

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Founder's Day Mass 9:00
tomorrow, Main Church. Fresh-
man urged to attend.

Notre Dame Cross Bearers.

Father Thomas Lahoy, C.S.C., of the Ave Maria, sends to the Bulletin for your benefit information about a group of sufferers who are doing something for you.

From now on seven sick patients will be offering up their daily sufferings for your material and spiritual welfare. These sufferers are of the permanently-sick Shut-In type who have to bear their particular trials day in and day out, month after month, year after year, largely set apart, because of their illness, from even a fair share in the comforts and enjoyments of the world.

This particular group is one of thirty-three organized in this country as part of the international "Catholic Union of Sick Associates," operating not only in the United States but in seven foreign countries. Each group, is composed of seven members and a chaplain, adopts a patron, a motto, and a particular purpose for which its sufferings are to be offered.

This newly organized Notre Dame group has Frere Andre, the saintly Holy Cross Brother of St. Joseph's Shrine, Montreal, Canada, whose cause is now up for canonization, as its patron. The motto of the Congregation of Holy Cross--The Cross Our Only Hope--has been adopted as its motto; and, for its purpose, the group is offering its sufferings for the success of our Congregation in its apostolates all over the world, particularly in its work among the students of Notre Dame. A local Holy Cross priest is its chaplain.

The membership of this heroic, suffering cell of Christ's Mystical Body ranges from a nun who has been incapacitated by a severe heart infection since 1928; a former school teacher mostly bedfast with a combination of chronic disorders; a housekeeper suffering from constant migraine headaches; 2 T. B. patients, one a third-year college girl; a Southerner in her early thirties, whose body has shrunk to teen-age proportions because of polio; and the grandmother of the group, a sufferer from polio since 1886.

Personally Unknown To You But Remember Them.

Each of these Shut-Ins is offering up her constant day-and-night sufferings for your benefit. When you make your visits to the Blessed Sacrament, or thanksgiving after Mass and Communion, stay an extra minute and remember them where remembrance counts most. What a rich spiritual endowment for Notre Dame and for you! God reward them.

That these good people can help you and that you can help them is based on the doctrine of the Mystical Body and the Communion of Saints. The unity by which we are bound up one with another through the Spirit of Charity surpasses all other unities of earth, whether it be of families or nations.

Because of our close relationship with one another in the unity of the Mystical Body of Christ there is bound to be mutual influence, the mutual exchange of prayers, merits, sacrifices, the atoning we can offer for those members who are spiritually indigent.

This process of atoning, and sacrificing ourselves for other members of the Mystical Body, is what is known as reparation. Such is the meaning of the words of St. Paul: "Bear ye one another's burdens; so you also shall fulfill the law of Christ." And what other interpretation can be given to Our Lord's words to the saintly Sister Josefa: "It is My Will to use your suffering for the salvation of many souls."

Prayers: (deceased) Peter J. Trollo, '32; friend of Berny Gallagher (Dil). Ill, friend of Dan Marsalek; Joseph Wettergren (Maintenance Dept.); Father Schulte; Don Burkhart (now out of danger). 5 special intentions.