

Sorrowful Mother Novena  
Services tonight 6:45.  
Please be on time.

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"When a soul in sin, under  
the impetus of grace, turns  
to God, there is penance."

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Personality Of Reference.

No sophomore is so dead on his feet as to believe that he is his own ideal. An ideal personality cannot be taken from among the imperfect. If a Perfect Person can be found, then we can compare notes, take stock of ourselves.

It is during retreat that we take time and effort to search our consciences and put our unmade house in order. Christ is the Model, the Perfect Person. "The falling away from that mind which is in Christ Jesus is the source of all abnormalities: the integration to that image is the source of all peace and joy." This weekend sophomores retreat to discover just how wise they are, or how foolish.

Well Done.

The local Knights of Columbus sponsored a good show. In connection with such events there are as many backstage headaches as there are bloody noses in the front ring. Not everyone understands the hard work that is the overall picture of the Bengal Bouts. All energy is measured not only in cold cash but in nervous sweat. If Our Lord rewards a cup of cold water given in His Name, how much more so will He reward the hot sweat of those who expended it in His Name and for His missions.

Also Well Done.

The Lenten adoration periods. Behind this, too, is unsung generosity--the tiresome canvassing of halls by the Third Order of St. Francis and their daily reminders for signed-up periods of adoration.

What Adoration Does.

All of us at times get down on our spiritual luck. We need a human, outstretched hand; a patient listening to our gripes and an appreciation of our difficulties; a source of strength and help to which that sympathetic hand can direct us. Christ is perfectly Man as He is perfectly God. He is our source of strength. If our confidence has ever been broken by revealing our inside troubles and sinful bias to the wrong persons, we know that that confidence can be reestablished in Him Who reestablishes all things in Himself--through His confessional and before His Sacrament.

Students who are acquiring the habit of daily visiting the Blessed Sacrament, who are prolonging their visits before going to bed, who are making special effort to meditate 15 minutes daily, understand what the Divine Presence means and what He is doing to their souls.

When we really open up in that Divine Presence and let God take a good look at our souls--literally tear open our chests and let God see the ugliness of squandered graces, sickening defeats, messed up chances for self-conquest--it is precisely at that moment when we stop blaming God or our environment for our troubles and begin to blame ourselves that a real change of heart takes place, which is a change for the betterment of our life, the first fruits of which are charity and kindness.

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NOVENA SERVICES TONIGHT AT 6:45: From "Peace of Soul" this message is pertinent: In these days of confusion, there is an intuition of impending catastrophe, an instinctive feeling that some immense preternatural disturbance must bring the evil of the world to ruins before we can be set free again. When souls in sin refuse to change, God must send chastisement. God's laws cannot be broken with impunity. Our Lady of Fatima's stirring challenge: in exchange for peace, "Cease offending God."

Prayers: (deceased) mother of Chester Materuowski, '49; John P. O'Hara, '02; Camille Gravel, Sr. Ill, sister of Bart Ferrari; friend of Jack McMahon; friend of Ed Fitzpatrick. 9 special intentions.