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From The Mailbag.

Dear Father: Would you please extend to the students my thanks for their generosity on October 26 (Mission Sunday) through their contribution to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. May God bless all of you abundantly.

-- John F. Noll
Bishop of Fort Wayne

May You Deserve This Sort Of Remembrance.

Dear Father: Inclosed is a check... for which have Holy Masses said for the repose of the soul of your, and our, very excellent alumnus, Joseph Lauerman (Notre Dame '31). Our students have contributed toward many, many stipends, and we'd like to have some Masses offered at Notre Dame, the school he served and loved so well.

Joe has been a daily communicant these many years, and he has been a living example, in word and action, of Catholic manhood, fatherhood, and brotherhood. He leaves a wife and five lovely children, besides his mother, brother, and four sisters.

-- Class of '53
Lourdes High School

A Point Of Doctrine.

Dear Father: Would you explain the last sentence in the first paragraph of the Bulletin of Nov. 5: "For those not of the Faith, their beloved dead are beyond all hope, beyond all help" ? This smacks of Feeneyism, and a Catholic attitude which is frustrating the other efforts of the Church to assert her Catholicity -- it is deplorable that we should still see such things today after the meaningful interpretation of, "No salvation outside the Church" by Maritain and Henri deLubac.

Reply: If you take a sentence out of its context you may, like those who interpret the Bible privately, arrive at almost any conclusion you desire. But if you read the entire paragraph as a unit you will find the Bulletin saying: Those who don't believe in Purgatory are denied the consolation of knowing that they can still be of help to their beloved dead -- through the doctrine of the Communion of Saints. If you don't believe in Purgatory, then you can't believe that souls are consigned there. The statement set forth in the Bulletin had nothing to do with our belief that Christ died for all men. Nor did it have anything to do with the Feeney interpretation of the phrase: "Outside the Church there is no salvation."

Prayers Requested.

Deceased: brother of David McElvain of Dillon hall (killed in service in Korea); Ann Goodrich; grandmother of Tom Murphy; grandmother and great-uncle of Paul Paulsen of Dillon hall; George Powell.
Ill: father of V. Nelson; father of Al Maneon, '47; sister of Fr. DuPuis, C.S.C.
Correction: James, '46 and Frank, '44, Stevenson erroneously reported deceased.