

Please Note: The
Marriage Institute
scheduled for 7:30...

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...tomorrow night, will
be held after the May-
Day ceremonies.

It's Your Idea Of Honoring God's Mother

In recent years, the Communists have seized May-Day to dishonor God. They took a day that belongs, and has belonged, to God's Mother for many hundreds of years. This intensifies the insult. Any man should feel an insult offered his mother.

Like the Christophers and others, some good Notre Dame men thought it was time to do something to restore this day to its rightful owner. They started to do it on this campus. Surely, God and His Mother were pleased with our student efforts!

Our May-Day celebration is student-planned, and student-directed. If you have a sense of love and loyalty to your fellowmen here on campus, because of the common bond that binds us together in the family of Our Lady, you'll be in line tomorrow night. Your fellow students expect this much of you. Don't let them down.

May-Day Bigger Than Ever!

It depends upon you -- whether or not this student-planned program tomorrow night goes over as student leaders intend it should. They desire that every man be in line, dressed presentably, to march from his hall to the Grotto. The Knights of Columbus will provide candles for all to carry. The YCS will take charge of the bells and the public address system. The Third Order of St. Francis will prepare the Grotto. The Blue Circle will have charge of campus publicity for the event. And each hall council is to act as marshals for the men in that hall, leading the march to the Grotto. And as you march, answer the Rosary aloud, following the leadership of Father Barry. At the Grotto there will be a brief talk, renewal of Baptismal Vows, and Benediction. Father Moloney will lead the singing.

During the May-Day services, there is to be no other activity on campus.

Novena For Mother's Day

Friday is not only First Friday -- it is also the beginning of the Novena for Mother's Day -- a novena you surely will not want to neglect. Your mother may receive many remembrances on that day; but here is something no one can buy her.

This is one of those days on which we try, by various means, to show our love in some tangible way. At West Point it might be a telegram to her. At Harvard it might be orchids. At Princeton it might be roses. At Vassar, it might be candy. It might be even a phone call from any and every part of the nation.

But at Notre Dame, we send a gift that represents our best efforts -- for the best person we'll ever meet in this world. A novena is the most personal of all gifts. It is a little package that contains days of love and devotion. This is the gift that can come from no one but you -- and she'll treasure it above all other remembrances. And it will last forever; and do her the most good. This will make her realize the Notre Dame sense of values -- especially when she finds you going to Mass, Communion, offering the Rosary, visiting the Grotto, and spending half-hours of adoration in chapel. It will even make Notre Dame proud of you.

The Prefects of Religion will provide Spiritual Bouquet cards on which you may record the Novena. Slip the card in your letter to her for Mother's Day.

PRAYERS: Deceased; grandfather of Thomas Connors (Off-Campus); friend of Robert Werner of Walsh; James P. Harding, '22. Ill: Father Hope, CSC.