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Hurry, We Start Tomorrow

The Novena For the Poor Souls -- for your relatives and friends -- starts tomorrow. The Prefect of Religion will offer nine Masses for the specific deceased people whose names you list and drop into the receptacle at your hall bulletin board.

The celebrant will give them the fruits of nine Masses. You should give them nine Masses heard, nine Communions, and nine Rosaries.

So little effort is required on your part to do so much good for them! If you haven't done so yet, jot down their names immediately. Don't put it off. We shall gather all the slips tonight after supper, and place them on the altar during the Novena Masses.

Make Them The "Living Dead"

You have heard the expression: "He's dead on his feet." It's not too complimentary.

But spiritually speaking, the "Living Dead" is a warm, friendly, highly desirable phrase, because it embraces the saints in Heaven and the souls in Purgatory. It means that we acknowledge that their immortal souls never die. We Catholics believe that their spirits live on in the enjoyment or expectation of everlasting heavenly bliss. Their life in our world was a preparation for death. Their death here brought them eternal life. They are living saints in Heaven, and living souls in Purgatory, because they died in the state of grace.

Let them live in your minds and hearts, and charity. The Novena offers a perfect opportunity to manifest our affection, and devotion for our departed loved ones. This is the month set aside by the Church for them especially. Make the most of it. Make the most of this Novena. Someday we'll lean heavily upon their intercession.

A Point Of Doctrine

Indulgences may be gained for yourself, or for the souls in Purgatory -- but not for other souls on earth. Nor does the specific number of days indicated by the Indulgence mean that your term in Purgatory is shortened by that exact time. A day of Indulgence means the reward for a day of penance. The measurement of its value depends largely upon your own dispositions.

Father Bernard Furstoss, C. S. C.

Saturday evening at 7:15, God called Father Furstoss home to heaven. Most of you will remember him as the stout, jolly rector of Alumni and St. Edward's halls. You saw him frequently scouring the campus in a jeep as he supervised the maintenance crews. He spent the entire eight years of his priesthood on the campus. We know the Lady of this household will look after him generously. You remember him in your prayers. His body will lie in state before the altar in the Lady Chapel of Sacred Heart Church. The funeral Mass will be sung Wednesday morning at 9, followed by burial in the Community cemetery. R.I.P.

PRAYERS Deceased: mother of Hon. Luther M. Swygert, '27; father of Wm. Fallon, '37; father of Jim Mullen of Lyons hall; mother of Thomas M. Sweeney, '43. ILL: Father John Whalen; Melissa Corpe and Miss Barron (critical); friend of Ken Schwarz of Walsh hall. 3 sp. intentions.

Sudden Thought: "If you are sitting on top of the world, have a thought sometimes for the folks who are carrying it on their shoulders."