

This Sunday, All Over The World

In 1938, the Alumni of New York City came up with a typical Notre Dame activity -- a Universal Notre Dame Communion Sunday, followed by a breakfast. The idea caught the hearts of the Notre Dame family, and has now become a reality everywhere. The Sunday selected was the one nearest the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The traditional pattern of observance stresses the importance of religion to good citizenship.

Join with Notre Dame men throughout the world, this Sunday by receiving Communion here on campus. There will be Masses in most of the hall chapels, because it is a home-game weekend. Your rector will post the time of the Mass in your individual hall. Get to Confession early Saturday evening. Be on time for Mass Sunday.

Here's a yardstick for measuring your Notre Dame spirit. If you let some insignificant Saturday night activity interfere with this grand project of devotion to God and His Mother, you'll hardly measure up to Alumni stature; you'll hardly be keeping faith with the men who made the name Notre Dame a hallowed and respected symbol of greatness throughout this land.

Some sports writers (Kessler, Doyle, etc.) feel that you hardly measure up to the splendid tradition of the past; they intimate that the "once-great Irish student spirit" is now a thing of the past; and that you "no longer thrill to the stirring strains of the Victory March." You're a big noise on Friday night - nothing more!

Failure to cooperate with the Alumni, this Sunday, will just about prove to all that the present generation, lacking both spirit and fervor, is largely just what certain carping sports writers make you out to be. In the past, the importance of Notre Dame spirit was measured as much at the Communion rail, as on the 50-yard line.

The Alumni who thought up this splendid Communion-Sunday idea were the same men who used to fill Sacred Heart Church every Saturday morning to attend Mass and receive for the welfare of the team. We stopped that a few years ago.--too chilly, you know.

It's up to you this Saturday and Sunday to make pikers or prophets of Doyle and Kessler. Thus far, our Saturday morning showing has been something less than "rabid" !!

Christmas Gift For Your Parents

You'll probably buy a Christmas gift for your father and mother. And you'll probably buy it with their money! Won't that be wonderfully generous of you!

What will it mean in the labor of your own hands, or in sacrifice? How much love with it represent?

How about sacrificing something for them -- say, nine early mornings of sleep? And add to that nine Masses and Communions, and rosaries? They'd prize that gift above all others -- and you know it. Come to think of it -- these nine mornings of sacrifice -- they are about the only real gift you can make to your parents for Christmas because it will be your own. We start the Novena for Parents on Tuesday. You know that sacrifice is measured by love. Here's a real opportunity for you to make them proud of you, and proud of Notre Dame. Parents need nothing, and want nothing half so much in all this world, as your love and devotion. A Novena is something you can buy only with your heart.

Tonight at 6:45, Novena Devotions to the Sorrowful Mother. Then the Pep Rally.
Tomorrow is the First Saturday of the month -- Fatima Devotions in private.
Sunday, the 10 and 11 o'clock Masses in Sacred Heart Church are for visitors only.