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Your Fathers Knew Him

The tolling of the bell on Saturday morning announced to the campus the death of Father Thomas Crumley, C.S.C., recently a hospital chaplain, but a long-time professor here at Notre Dame. Second and third-generation students need but ask their fathers and grandfathers about this venerable teacher to discover his contribution and his loyalty to Notre Dame.

His logic was legendary. He was as learned as he was deliberate. He was a lesson in discrimination and good taste. He was thorough, and far removed from our hasty manner of life. The leisure of his speech was matched by the leisure of his gait. With him nothing was touch and go. About his manner and his person there was a quiet air of refinement that was the epitome of Christian culture. Even when he preached, the unhurried manner suited the clarity of his thought. His voice was rich and effortless -- in a day before public address systems were known of needed.

Father Crumley saw Notre Dame grow from the fledgling prep school to the full stature of a university. More important -- he made a wholesome and healthy contribution to that growth. We of the present hour owe him much, and should remember him, as will the Lady of this Household -- one of Her faithful co-workers. Into Her safe keeping we commend his soul. He merits a rich remembrance in our poor prayers. His funeral will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, in Sacred Heart Church.

Mark Your Calendar

On Thursday of this week, March 11, we begin the annual Novena to St. Joseph. Choose some fitting prayers and recite them daily in his honor. We suggest his litany and the accompanying prayer in the Notre Dame Prayerbook. Ask him for a particular favor -- one that will help you very much in the daily battle for sanctity; one that will help you to imitate him. We suggest the virtue of purity -- a virtue that gained full stature with him. Others might invoke his intercession for a good job. Again, since St. Joseph enjoyed the greatest happiness as a family man, you might very well pray to him for the grace of a happy marriage.

Devotion to St. Joseph is no fad, no novelty, no whim of the moment. He's solid, and reliable, and faithful -- and the greatest after God's own Mother. Don't neglect him and the great power that he is before the Throne of God. You owe that much to yourself to pray to him for the graces you need most in order to imitate him.

Gaps In Adoration

Up to the present hour there have been huge gaps in the Daily Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Lady Chapel. Choose a half-hour during the morning, or the early afternoon of a particular day, each week. What is more fitting during Lent than an occasional half-hour of reparation? First Friday was excellent; but many of you are not aware that you have Daily Adoration throughout Lent. If you have yet to decide what sort of penance you will choose, give this devotion some thought.

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The Student Senate for their sponsoring the Family Rosary last Sunday, and for their inviting the neighbors to participate... To the blood-donors who answered the call of the Bulletin for an emergency at the hospital.

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PRAYERS -- Deceased: uncle of Joe Thomas of Alumni; mother of Brother Edward, CSC; aunt of Richard Harrmann, '53; friend of Jim Liberatore of Walsh, Ill; friend of Fred Lyons of Howard; Father Daniel Lord, S.J. (scheduled to preach the Senior Retreat).