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See Them Off Tomorrow

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Sometimes it's fun seeing people off -- relatives, or bride and groom, or movie stars, or big-game hunters -- anyone traveling abroad. At times it's exciting, too. We have all kinds of going-away parties; and everyone shouts, "Bon Voyage!" accompanied by much well-wishing, maybe laughter, even tears. Sometimes it's the culmination of long years of preparation, too, and could be the event of a lifetime in its importance.

Tomorrow evening at 7:30 in Sacred Heart Church, you'll see an event that is every bit as stirring as any going forth your eyes will ever witness. And it will be a brave sight, with consequences that only God can measure in time and in eternity.

Eleven Notre Dame men-- seven priests and four Brothers -- bound for the Bengal Foreign Missions, will participate in a departure ceremony. Archbishop Lawrence Graner, '25, of Pakistan, will give a little talk. Father Theodore Mehling, C.S.C., '29, Provincial of the Holy Cross Father, will receive the vows of the missionaries. And then off they will go on a journey, and into an apostolate as rugged and trying as any mission field in the world.

There won't be much laughter, or shouting, or tears, as the eleven go forth, to realize the command of Our Lord that His apostles teach all nations. But there will be courage, and bravery, and zeal in their going.

Why are we interested? Because many of the blessings that Notre Dame enjoys on the home front here might well be traced to the sacrifices made by many of her men in far-off mission fields. You see, God has a way of repaying those who are generous with H<sub>is</sub>m. The harvest is not always reaped in the same place, nor by the same sowers. It takes Faith-- more than a little -- to fathom the wisdom of Notre Dame's sending forth her best men to far-off mission field, when the same men could well be used to fill the critical gap here at home. It's a bit puzzling until you recall that the Apostles didn't wait until everyone in Jerusalem was converted before they set out for Ephesus, or Antioch, or Rome, or Corinth.

There is precedent, you see, for our interest in the mission field -- even as Notre Dame was once a mission. And the little white taper of apostolic zeal still flickers in our day in the hearts of generous Notre Dame men. And the Lady of our household will still look after those who carry the Word of Her Divine Son to her children elsewhere--no matter the mileage-- and look after us here at home, too.

Come over tomorrow night, and send them off with your best prayers, They're deserving.

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You Will Hardly Believe ....

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that over in Korean prison camps, devotion to the Rosary is very common. One priest formed a Rosary of his own by placing wet bread crumbs on a string. A corporal from Philadelphia knotted a drawstring from the field jacket of a Hawaiian Buddhist who wanted to be remembered in the prayers. One imprisoned soldier who had no access to either bread or string formed piles of ten pebbles, throwing one away for each Hail Mary. For all it was their greatest comfort in time of adversity. And you??

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PRAYERS- Deceased: father of Charles Casale (O-C); mother and father of Peter McGarr of Breen-Phillips (plane crash); friend of Bill McGuire of Dillon; grandfather of Bob Williams of Cavanaugh; cousin of Jack Gueguen of Walsh. Ill: William O'Toole, '39, niece of Terry Crowley of Sorin; grandmother of Jim Brennan (O-C); mother of Ed Robinson (O-C).