

University of Notre Dame

Hitting the road tomorrow? Better hit the box tonight.

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Sorrowful Mother Novena as usual, this week -- Friday evening at 6:45.

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For The Non-Catholic At Notre Dame  
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The obligation to worship God is a universal one -- it applies to everyone everywhere. That Notre Dame is a Catholic school, with Masses in Sacred Heart Church on Sunday -- all this does not mean that you, being a non-Catholic, have no religious obligations here whatsoever. The Catholic Church legislates for her own members only, and demands attendance at a full Sunday Mass. You, however, not having any particular desire to attend Mass, should search out your denomination in South Bend, and worship God accordingly. You'll be welcome, just as you are here at Notre Dame. For example, all Methodists should get in touch with Mr. Zellmer (Ph. CE.4-0720). You should all worship God publically with the rest of society. Why?

"When you attend Church, it's not an ordinary act. It is something tremendous. You take a stand for faith and for a spiritual interpretation of life. You testify and witness to the faith that is in you.

"When you attend Church you take the side of the angels, you count on the side of the spiritual, you tell the world you believe in God and Eternity, and Immortality; and that's tremendous!

"When you attend Church you challenge all that is evil, all that which is contrary to the will of God. When you attend Church you say to the whole world that you are against lying, cheating, immorality, drunkenness, war and everything that hurts human beings.

"When you attend Church you tell your neighbors who see you go that you are not simply an earth creature, that you are not giving up all your time to creature pleasures, that you are seeking something higher.

"When you attend Church you salute Christ and His Church. You appreciate what the Church has done for humanity.

"When you attend Church you come to God's house to adore, to worship, to praise. You become part of that host that has been worshipping God down through the ages..." -- George Mecklenburg.

Stop At Midnight

With the turning back of the clocks from daylight-saving to normal sun-time, the Eucharistic fast begins at midnight. In Indiana, sun-time coincides with clock-time. In some parts of the country, sun-time gives an advantage -- i.e., you may be permitted to begin the fast at 12:10, or 12:15, or even 12:20. If this is the custom in your neighborhood, and sanctioned by your pastor, you may resort to that custom when you return home at Christmas. But while you are here in Indiana, it's midnight when the clock strikes twelve. Water, of course, never breaks the fast. For certain other privileges pertaining to liquid foods -- you'll find a complete explanation at the pamphlet rack.

This Sunday: Masses in Sacred Heart Church -- the 7,8,9 for wide-awake Freshmen; the later Masses for the tired Sophomores and Juniors. Incidentally, the missals and prayerbooks provided for there, and in all the hall chapels, are not yours to carry off, or to give to guests as souvenirs. This is nothing short of pious pilfering -- a little less than edifying. They are for sale at the bookstore, you know.

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PRAYERS - Deceased: Ray Cunningham, '24; grandmother of Jim Hayes of Howard; father of Dave Miller of St. Ed's; brother of Al Abrams, '21; friend of Tim Cohan of Walsh. Ill: Dan Devine, '55 (accident); mother of George Dakoske, '55. 2 special intentions.