

University of Notre Dame

Tonight at 5:10, and every evening, Mon. through Fri., Mass in Sacred Heart Church.

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Keep tomorrow available for the Campus-Wide May-Day Observance at 7:55 p.m.

Coming: The Fairest Month Of The Year

There's something about the month of May which finds a warm response in all Notre Dame men. It's been that way for many generations here on campus; and it's no different today. The reason -- it's only natural to give expression to something you feel intensely. It's not merely to claim proudly that you're a Notre Dame man. No, talk is cheap -- you'd rather do something. And that's why, long ago, your predecessors came asking for Adoration during this beautiful month of May.

They felt they were favorite sons with a great love for their mother. And loving Mary, they loved the things that were dear to her; and sought to hate the things that she hates. After all, being loyal and devoted to the Mother of God is not so much different from being loyal and devoted to an earthly mother.

One of the most obvious reasons for our devotion to the Mother of God is her intercessory power. The Cure of Ars tells us that her heart is so tender toward our pleas that it far surpasses the devotion of all earthly mothers put together. Mary is the only human being in heaven who never offended God. That's what makes her prayers in our behalf so worthwhile. We say that God must have special regard for the prayers of one who loved Him so completely.

This being true, we reason that any Notre Dame man who puts himself under the protection of Mary is really predestined for heaven. He may waver now and then in strong temptation; but she will draw him back. She will find a way to soften his hard heart, or bring contrite tears to his sin-deluded face. The greatest gift she can bestow on anyone of us is to bring us closer to Her Son.

This is the reason for our Adoration. This is the devotion that has helped to make May the most beautiful month of the year. It's the devotion by which we honor both Mother and Son.

And that's why you're asked to select a half-hour that is most convenient for you on the day assigned to your hall. Your response to Adoration during Lent was one of the most fruitful in the religious history of the University. Even the Seniors, who lagged a bit, can make up for their poor showing -- if they seize this last opportunity during the month of May. Mother's Day is coming up. So are the exams. Maybe you could use a few prayers.

Furthermore, let's not think only of ourselves. Maybe there are family problems. Maybe the family doesn't have the time to pray -- as you do here. And this is an opportunity to make some show of gratitude for all they have done for you -- and to help them into heaven.

If you can possibly do so, take the same half-hour that you signed for during Lent.

PRAYERS - Deceased: Charles Davis, '27; father of Ed Carey, '34; grandfather of Pat Doherty of Dillon; uncle of John Harding of Cavanaugh; Michael McKinley, '50; father of George Resnik, '49; sister of Bro. Honorius, CSC; brother of Father Switalski, CSC; Monsignor Paul Glenn (former member of the faculty). Ill: grandfather of Jim Fisher, '56; Julius Veleba (O-C); father of Charles Deger, '55; Murray Wieman, '49.

Keep tomorrow evening open -- for the campus-wide May-Day Observance. At Vassar they roll hoops; but at Notre Dame every able-bodied man rattles the Beads, and marches in procession to the Grotto. You'll find all the details in tomorrow's Bulletin. And tomorrow, we begin the May Adoration with Badin, Howard, and Lyons on deck. Be there!