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Tomorrow:--The Novena For Parents

This is an old Notre Dame custom -- one of the best we have. It's a custom that sits well with your dad and mother, too. Over and over we've heard them say so, over the years. For all we know, it may be unique -- not duplicated elsewhere -- and we're proud of it. And it reflects the kind of education you get here at Notre Dame; it's something spiritual; and it's not for sale in the market place. You have to buy it with your own love, and affection, and regard. It entails a little sacrifice, true. But sacrifice is the measure of love. Get up for them tomorrow morning, hear Mass, receive Communion, and say your Rosary for them. And keep it up for Nine Days. That's the present they will cherish more than anything else you could possibly offer them.

Don't Take Anything For Granted

Among friends things are frequently taken for granted. Too much protestation of affection sounds insincere. But sometimes, too much is taken for granted! Don't let that be the case where your parents are concerned. Don't be shy at giving this little manifestation of love for them -- for the dad who has been a faithful provider all these years, and for the mother whose day is never too long when it involves you and your welfare.

The Christmas Novena is the medium and the means to prove you are taking nothing for granted -- that you want to manifest a concrete instance of your devotion to them. And what better thing could you do than recommend them to God and His Mother; and to beg for the graces these parents need most in their daily lives at this time.

Tomorrow morning the chapels should be bulging. Every able-bodied man should be up early and on his knees. This week, morning-check should be the most useless and unnecessary regulation in the Notre Dame routine.

Later in the week, you'll find attractive Novena cards and envelopes at all the pamphlet racks, and in the offices of the Class Chaplains. Pick one up, sign it, and mail it off to the parents. It will please them far more than the baubles they are used to getting. Try it this year. You'll never regret it. Nor will they.

It is the one gift that only you can give them. Make the most of it!

And if God has already called them to Himself, then it becomes even more valuable -- it is the only possible gift you can give them. It is the only possible gift that can do them any good. It is the only gift they want.

And it's a splendid way to keep Christ in Christmas -- in your Christmas and in theirs! This is the sort of thing you can't find in the shop windows; but only in your heart.

PRAYERS REQUESTED - Deceased: Msgr. Joseph P. Hale, uncle of Joe Schaefer of Keenan; father of Bob Pleuss, '57; father of Gregory Rogers of Lyons; grandmother of Ron LaReau of Zahm; Charles R. Lennane, '19; grandmother of Rudolph Bamonti (O-C); John Berteling, '08; mother of Francis '37 and John '42 Meyer; George Schock, '18. All: friend of Dan Singewald; friend of Bob Fitzsimon of Howard; Judge John Q. Carey, '27; 3 special intentions.

Contributions. Some have asked where to send contributions for the new Moreau Seminary. You may send them to the Office of the Prefect of Religion, 117 Dillon Hall, here at Notre Dame. We'll be glad to forward them to the Provincial Office; and each gift will be acknowledged -- the better to assure you that each gift has been received, and is appreciated.