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THE MASS MARKING THE SOLEMN opening of the schoolyear will be at 9:00 A.M. on Sunday morning. This will be a votive Mass of the Holy Spirit, preceded by an academic procession of the faculty that will compete with the autumn leaves for color.

SUNDAY EVENING AT 7:00 P.M., the Junior-Senior Mission begins with the two classes visiting the Grotto for the plenary indulgence that can be gained during this centennial year of Our Lady's apparition. For three nights and two days, try to put aside the perplexing problems of Sorin porch (e.g. should you have taken back your miniature? was it smart to take her back? should you begin your Senior Essay before Christmas?) These may not be terribly important six months from now. But it will be important then that you be in the state of grace.

A WEEK FROM TONIGHT we begin anew the Perpetual Novena in honor of Our Sorrowful Mother. Services will begin at 6:45 P.M. in Sacred Heart Church.

SOME OF YOU WHO WATCHED those summer quiz shows too often, or those of you who brought back a tube this Fall, may call it "7 AND 7", and you may be disappointed that we are not giving away bonds, or Bonanzas, or a set of Encyclopedia Britannica. But, REMEMBER, there will be a panel of four experts dispensing absolution between 6:00 P.M. and 8:30 P.M. every Saturday evening in Sacred Heart Church. Make your weekly confession before the first or second showing of the movie in Washington Hall, those of you who have no business in the TD Club. Better still, look over the list of confessors and hunt up the one you have heard about and have wanted as your regular confessor.

FRESHMAN MASSES THIS SUNDAY in Keenan-Stanford Chapel will be at 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, and 10:30 A.M. Those who fail to make Mass on time will be instructed to attend a later Mass. By "on time" is meant--in your pew before the celebrant comes out to the altar. Get to confession in Sacred Heart Church on Saturday night, and then to Mass on time. And a final reminder. You are obliged to assist at an entire Mass on Sunday.

THOSE WHO NEED MISSALS or rosaries, will find a wide selection from which to choose at the Notre Dame Bookstore. The Prefects of Religion also have a limited selection on hand in their offices. You can't do much of a job, if you are lacking the necessary tools. And believe me, it never fails that, following vacation, some few are so out of shape, SPIRITUALLY, that it is a considerable job to get them back into shape. Here's our simple but effective formula: Daily Mass and Holy Communion, the Rosary, and a visit to the Grotto. Not very complicated, I'll admit. But many a student who came back bent just a little, is a "straight arrow" today, because of it.

SINCE THE SOLEMN OPENING of the schoolyear will be at 9:00 A.M. Sunday the 11:00 A.M. Mass will be a Low Mass. However, as announced last week, the 11:00 A.M. Mass will ordinarily be the High Mass.

THOSE ASSISTING AT MASS in Sacred Heart Church each Sunday are asked to approach the Communion rail by the center aisle, and return by the side aisle. This should eliminate some of the congestion. The Knights of Columbus will again be the ushers in Sacred Heart Church, and you are asked to be as co-operative as possible.



"What does it profit a man to gain the whole world, if he suffer the loss of his own soul?" The Freshmen and Sophomores have heard this question reiterated in recent days. And, come Sunday evening, the Juniors and Seniors, too, will hear it again, and will ask themselves: "How will death find me?" "In what guise will death appear?"

We take it somewhat in stride that death comes to many young men, as the papers say, "accidentally". And just before school closed in the Spring, we were very vividly reminded of how swiftly death can come in the night. Death invaded our midst, as the upper-classmen will remember, that April night when senior Tom Sullivan was killed returning from Lake Michigan. I suppose the death of someone near affects us all differently. But that it did affect Tom's younger brother, Tim, you might well imagine. For Tom was looked up to by Tim. When Tim returned to New Berlin, Illinois High School the day after his brother was buried, he wrote these lines that ought to cause each of us to reflect.

He led a happy childhood, on the farm,
And when I came, he took me by the arm.

"We must rise to fame
And add to the Sullivan name."

These last four years were hard

Even for the brilliant boys.

He came home last Easter,
Six weeks to go.
So near, and yet so far--
That only God would know.
A job awaited him after school;
Said he, "I have it made!"
A wonderful future lay ahead;
He began to see its light.
But God wanted Tom Sullivan
On an April Friday night.
And so, in a speeding car,
Tom took his last earthly ride.
It crashed...he died. Four priests at
his side.
They brought him home on Saturday
For his many friends to see.
Everyone in the place cried,--
But mostly Mom and me.
Fifteen boys from Notre Dame
Came to see where Tom was laid.
Meanwhile, on the campus,
Five thousand students prayed.
The day was made complete by
The priests from Notre Dame.
They said that he was good,
And died in the state of grace.
And because of these words,
His death was easier to face.
And while hundreds cried nearby,
Into the ground he was laid.
Now he lives in heaven;
He really 'has it made'.

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