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- **THERE IS STILL TIME TO SIGN UP** for the Retreat at St Joseph Hall on the coming week-end. The Retreat begins on Friday evening and ends on Sunday afternoon. Make arrangements either by calling 282 or stopping at Room 116 Dillon.
- **SINCERE THANKS** to those who have sent in offerings for the Missionaries either because they were away a week ago or didn't have an offering at the time.
- **THURSDAY OF THIS WEEK** is the feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy day of obligation. On Wednesday, the Church observes a day of fast and abstinence in preparation for the Feast. The usual Notre Dame dispensation holds good, but if you're a campus resident and happen to be eating downtown, you must abstain from meat. Off-campus residents have a personal dispensation from the fast and abstinence, but must avoid giving scandal.
- **THE NOVENA FOR PARENTS** began this morning. If you did not attend Mass and receive Holy Communion this morning, attend the 5:10 Mass in the church this evening. Add the adjoining prayer to your usual night prayers during these nine days. Cards suitable for notifying your parents that you have made the Novena will be distributed on Friday. If you were unable to start the Novena today, be sure you begin tomorrow.
- **THE MASS SCHEDULE** on the feast of the Immaculate Conception will be the same as on Sundays in Sacred Heart Church and Stanford-Keenan Chapel.
- **ANOTHER IN THE SERIES** of Student Government Distinguished Lectures will present Mortimer Adler at 2:15 in the Law Auditorium. The topic: Learning by Discussion.

PRAYER FOR PARENTS

O Almighty and everlasting God, Who in Thy Providence, has been pleased to call us into life by means of our parents, who partake of Your divine power in our regard, hear the prayer we offer Thee on behalf of those to whom You have given a share of Your fatherly mercy, so they might lavish on us the gift of Thy holy and generous love.

O Lord, fill our parents with Your choicest blessings; enrich their souls with Your holy grace; grant that they may faithfully and constantly guard that likeness to Your marriage with the Church. Fill them with the spirit of holy fear, which is the beginning of wisdom, and continually move them to impart the same to their children. May they ever walk in the way of Thy commandments, and may their children be their joy in this earthly exile and their crown of glory in their home in Heaven. Amen.

- **PRAYERS. Deceased:** Grandfather of John Barber of St Edward's; David Cleary; mother of Paul, '35, and Francis Fergus, '40. Ill: Mother of John Goncher of Dillon.



YESTERDAY AND NEXT SUNDAY, the ND Alumni Clubs around the country gathered at, or will gather at, a Communion Breakfast which has become an annual affair. The theme of these breakfast meetings this year is "The Role of the Laity in the Ecumenical Council". It would be a good idea for all of us to keep in mind the challenge the forthcoming Council presents. I would remind you that the unity movement among our separated brethren is a religiously motivated movement and could terminate ultimately in a meeting with the Church. The Church must be in the best position to preside over this meeting and to encourage interest in, and love of, its truth. A reform of some phases of Catholic life may be necessary to put the Church's best foot forward. The Council will very likely concern itself with some of these points.

DURING THESE DAYS leading up to the Council, the laity might concentrate on some of the following suggestions:

1.) Cooperate with the liturgical movement and develop a better sense of corporate worship.

2.) Cooperate with the intellectual awakening or reawakening of Catholics, and draw out of the Church's tradition a vital contribution to modern intellectual life.

3.) See that religion doesn't be-

come a parrot-like knowledge.

4.) Strive for the development of a creative personality that will enable one to stand on his own feet and face the world with all its goodness and all its evil.

5.) Share in the development of a more deeply social conscience.

6.) Bear witness against all the restrictions of man's spiritual freedom under the pressure of modern technology.

ABOVE ALL, let's not forget to pray for the success of the Council. Join the League of Prayer for Unity. Applications can be procured at the Pamphlet Room in Dillon. Or, pick up one of the prayer-cards picturing the Vladimir Mother of God and inscribed with the prayer of Cardinal Cushing:

Mary, Queen of Heaven, we honor your icon before which the Russian people pray. We beg you to look with favor and motherly care on that great country and to lead it to faith and friendship with us all.

We are blessed to have your Russian image in a place of honor. We will pray to you and work with you for the liberation of Russia and for the peace of the world.

✠ Richard Cardinal Cushing

These are available too in Dillon.