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THANKSGIVING

Any student at Notre Dame who cannot find reasons for thanking God Thursday morning should ask himself whether he is an ingrate or in need of a course in manners. Everyone should be found participating in the Mass and receiving Holy Communion that morning. This is the means ordained by Christ for giving thanks. Without it, the day could turn out to be just a day of selfish pleasure. For those who will be remaining on campus, there will be Mass in Sacred Heart Church at 9:30 and 10:30 in the morning. Those who will be at home for the holiday should assist at Mass in their home parish.

MET CLUB

Wednesday morning at 7:30, Father Cady will offer Mass in Sacred Heart Church for the Met Clubbers who will be flying home on the charter flight Wednesday afternoon.

HOWARD HALL

The 5:10 Mass in Sacred Heart Church tomorrow evening will be offered for Donald Bertling, at the request of the residents of Howard Hall. Tonight, in the Sophomore Halls the Rosary will be offered for the repose of Don's soul.

IOWA

Here is an unsolicited pledge of prayers for the team as they get their feet back on the ground after Saturday's victory. It, too, was in the morning's mail. "...The game of last Saturday is over. It's in the record-book. But the memory will remain to rebuke me for the lack of cooperation I gave the team. I usually offer all the difficult things each week for the team. I didn't do very well this past week. But someone else must have. Here's a promise that I'll do a little extra this week by way of petitioning Our Lady to keep an eye on her favorites both physically and spiritually."

MANY THANKS

It is not hard to understand that the parents of Don Bertling will be reluctant to return to the campus they left this morning. They were grief-stricken by the loss of their only child. However, they carried away the memory of a sympathetic and understanding student body. They asked that their appreciation and thanks be conveyed to all who were so helpful to them in their loss. No kindness went unnoticed. They requested your continued prayers that they might be resigned to the Will of God.

IN YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for the following. Deceased: Donald Bertling of St. Edward's; mother of John F. Regan, '43; wife of Joseph R. Wester, '54; mother of William J. Waldron, Jr., '44; Stanley Grinager, '28; mother of James J. Glynn, '26; Edmund D. Callahan, '27; Dr. John M. Murphy; Stephen Riordan, '04; friend of Michael Glow of St. Edward's. Ill: Mother of Brother Robert Dierker, C.S.C.; friend of Richard LaBreaque of B-P; father of Tony Chion of Zahm. One special intention.



THE CLEAN OF HEART

Our Divine Lord has promised-- Blessed are the clean of heart for they shall see God." Implied is the promise of a happy death, then Heaven, to the man who respects God's law of purity.

The clean of heart are blessed even in this life with a clear eye, especially in matters of faith, with a courageous heart, and a happy disposition. They are courageous because they win out habitually in that important fight that takes place, not before howling grandstands, but in the hidden arena of their own hearts.

The pure of heart are masters of themselves, where mastery is difficult, possessed of the power able to regulate their own lives according to right reason, to cut off persons or things that threaten personal sovereignty.

The pure of heart are humble because they are conscious that past victories have come through God's grace. They are pure, in fact, out of obedience to God's law.

Happiness won't often be found in the heart that is faithless to the head, because happiness follows upon a properly ordered life. And there is only chaos--broken promises and remorse--with the impure.

Why does the impure man gradually find his faith weakening? There are many reasons, but this is an important psychological one: unless a man admittedly wants to be a hypocrite, unless he wants his life to be a lie, he will either give up the theory of life that demands that he be pure, or he will give up impurity. If he is not man enough to give up impurity, he will seek reasons for giving up his faith.

What hope is there then for the impure? What hope was there for Augustine?

All hope necessary is in the tabernacles of Notre Dame and in the Cause of Our Joy. Some suggestions for strengthening this hope are these. Go to Mass and receive Holy Communion daily. Pray to Our Lady--three Hail Marys or the Litany each day.

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