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Devotions in honor of Our Lady continue at the Grotto each evening at 6:00 and 6:30 P.M. The advantage to making a visit at one of these two times is that a plenary indulgence may be gained whenever a group makes a visit. These devotions afford an opportunity to change pace, perhaps light a candle, and speak to Mary about your problems and decisions. The Grotto is one place that should have a very special corner in your memories of Notre Dame.

THE WEEK-ENDS

This week-end and next, and the one after that, will find many of you behind the wheel of an automobile. So, be sure you keep in mind that faulty brakes have a way of showing up just when you need your brakes the most. (Faulty habits of getting to the sacraments also have a way of tripping one up, too.)

Remember Mother's Day today...

Because today is the day we begin the Novena for your Mother's intentions. Daily Mass and Holy Communion and the Rosary are the practices to be undertaken during these nine days. You can add some visits to the Blessed Sacrament and to the Grotto, too. This will assure your Mother that your gift was not a last minute selection. It will also assure her of getting what she wants most.



FIRST FRIDAY

Today is the First Friday of the month. If you've been making the Nine First Fridays since October, you have one more First Friday to go.

IN YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for the following. Deceased: Grandfather of Dick Fellrath of Dillon and Tom Fellrath of Stanford; grandfather of Ted Topolski of Zahm; mother-in-law of Paul Schrantz of the Mimeograph Office; father of Joe Reiger, '58; Mrs. James M. Costin; William J. French. Ill: Grandmother of Richard Carey of Keenan.

Even though you may be undecided as to where you'll place your money on tomorrow's big race in Louisville, you may be sure that when you're broke you can always turn to home and the lady of your house. Maybe these words of Bishop Sheen will help you appreciate her the more.

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How Mothers Are Made

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Mother love requires greater attention to individuals of the species. A mother must love each offspring as if it were the only one in the world. This means recognizing that human beings are not just individuals, but persons. In the animal order there are *individuals*; in the human order there are *persons*. The difference between an individual and a person is this: individuals are replaceable, and persons are not. For example, you go to buy oranges in a store and say, "No, this one is bad. Give me another." But you cannot say that about children. A child is a person — unique, incommunicable, irreplaceable—that is why there is so much sorrow in a mother when one is lost. It is a person and an immortal soul that has departed.

This, incidentally, is why every mother gives to the child a name which implies dignity, unique-

ness, and apartness. There is no greater refutation of Communism in the world than a mother. Because Communism denies the value of persons, it affirms that we are like grapes who have no other destiny than to have our life ground out of us for the sake of the collective wine of the state. Every mother arises to protest and proclaim, "This child of mine is a person and may not be submerged in any totality of a class or a state or a race; he is unique; he has a name; he is my son!"

That is how mothers are made. Nature had to prepare for them through millions of years by begetting a love that would freely desire children, a love that would educate them, and a love that would sacrifice for them because of their sovereign worth as persons endowed with immortal souls. Such love could not come from the beast, for that kind of love is a gift of God.

Motherhood is too noble to be without an ideal. God, Who be-

From the book, "Life Is Worth Living."

came Man, preexisted His Own Mother, as an artist preexists his own painting.

This Mother gave further example to all mothers by caring both for the Body and the Soul of Her Son. She cared for His Body, for she wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger. She cared for His Soul and His Mind, for He was subject to her. What a lesson for children to learn! This Child, Who was subject to His Mother, was also the Creator of the world. Every mother, when she picks up the young life that has been born to her, looks up to the heavens to thank God for the gift which made the world young again. But here was a Mother, a Madonna, who did not look up. She looked down to Heaven, for This was Heaven in her arms.

This Child came not to save people from insecurity, or to make them rich and powerful, but to save them from their sins. Hence He was given the name of Jesus, which means Saviour.