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THOUGHTS FOR THE CHRISTMAS SHOPPER

A gift is a symbol; it is a symbol of you. Your giving the gift is an expression of love. Your gift should be in proportion to your love.

A gift implies a sacrifice -- of money, in proportion to your means; of time, in selecting and preparing the gift. The value of the gift is measured in terms of sacrifice, not in terms of cash outlay. An inexpensive, thoughtful, or handmade gift can be a greater expression of love than the Hope diamond or a Mercedes-Benz.

A gift of prayer is a greater expression of love than a material gift.

Christmas greetings are a form of gift, an expression of friendship.

Gifts ought not be given or greetings sent out of slavish conformity to convention.

The One Who has the greatest claim to your love is He Whose birth we celebrate. Your gift to Him need not be expressed as a symbol. He sees the heart and wants to see there simply your love and the sacrifices -- of illicit pleasures, of sinful selfishness -- which love for Him demands.

If you have not already started, you have fifteen days left to prepare your gift for Him, the gift of your whole-hearted, undivided love.

Novena Cards

Your hall chaplain has the Novena Christmas cards. You may get yours from him or at 116 Dillon. We are grateful to Mr. Jerry Florent, C.S.C., who designed the card. Jerry is a 1960 graduate, art editor of the Dome in his senior year, and now a seminarian at Moreau.

In Your Charity

Please pray for the following. Two special intentions: Larry Hribal of Stanford, his family, and his father who is one of the miners buried in the blast in Carmichaels, Pa.; the five students of St.-Mary-of-the-Woods who were injured in an automobile accident Friday night on their way to the N.F.C.C.S. conference at Notre Dame - one of the girls is in critical condition. Deceased: brother of Dave Niehaus of Howard; Dick Hassfall, '59, killed in a jet crash in Japan recently. Ill: grandmother of Ed Kelly of Dillon and Joe Cattie of Farley; friend of Thomas Ricca, Off-Campus; father of Sean Schaeffner, '62.

