Religious Bulletin
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Praying the Rosary

Appropriately enough after the announcement of a final Novena for the benefit of the Poor Souls and the football team, comes this flicker from the Northwestern game, submitted by a student:

"During the first quarter of the Northwestern game, when prospects looked dark for Notre Dame, I wondered what would help the team most. I remembered the rosary in my pocket and immediately dug for it. After making an Act of Contrition I began to murmur the Glorious Mysteries in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in order that her team and ours might be victorious. Notre Dame immediately gained possession of the ball and moved forward consistently while I was saying the five decades; as I finished Notre Dame lost the ball and Northwestern tore loose again.

"I added another five decades and it was not long before Notre Dame was again pushing the ball towards the coveted goal. The ball changed hands several times, neither side making much progress. I tried again; again the gains were for Notre Dame, and finally we scored.

"As the crowds about me were yelling and cheering, I found myself saying the rosary aloud."

A Cup of Coffee, or -----

"If thou didst know the gift of God, and Who it is that saith to thee, Give He to drink; thou perhaps wouldst have asked of Him, and He would have given thee living water."

Our Blessed Lord addressed these words to the Poor, sinful Samaritan woman whom He met at the well. It is amazing how many Notre Dame students attach more importance to a cup of coffee than to Holy Communion. After nineteen hundred years Our Lord still addresses these words to us; and we----

Education is intended to give one a sense of values.

34,000 Rosaries.

Seventeen days remain before the Southern Cal game. If you didn't offer the rosary yesterday for the Poor Souls and the team, start today, two thousand of you, and give the benefit of 34,000 rosaries before the game. It costs you nothing; beads are free.

Prayers.

An anonymous mother writes from a distant place to ask prayers that her son may save his body and soul; he is a victim of drink. Five other special intentions are recommended. Three acts of Thanksgiving are reported. James Lillis, student last year in Howard Hall has lost his father and an uncle in the past week. Ernest and Gilbert Kirwan were called home yesterday by the death of their grandfather. May Mulligan asks prayers for a deceased relative. Louis and Billy Mahan wire that their father's operation for appendicitis took place more than twenty-four hours after rupture had taken place, and that, although at the time of the operation their father was given only four hours to live, he has rallied and now has a fighting chance; the crisis is expected Saturday or Sunday, and they beg a continuance of prayers and masses for his recovery.

Start the Novena Saturday.

Don't be silly Friday night, and you can start the Novena for the team Saturday morning. If you lay down on the team on this last call for a Novena, and some bad luck overtakes the boys, you will feel like kicking yourself all over the lot. Forestall regrets.