"He Began The Day With God . . . ."

Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit . . . O Lord Jesus Christ, receive my spirit . . . . Holy Mary, pray for me . . . O Mary, mother of grace, mother of mercy, do thou protect me from the enemy, and receive me at the hour of death.

"Come to his assistance, ye Saints of God, come forth to meet him, ye Angels of the Lord: Receiving his soul: offering it in the sight of the Most High . . . May Christ receive thee, Who hath called thee, and may the Angels bear thee into Abraham's Bosom."

With the priest reciting these words of the liturgy, and eight of his friends on their knees about his bed, Gerald Du Wan breathed forth his soul to God last night at midnight. Struck by an auto as he was returning from a dance at St. Mary's last night, he was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital immediately. His skull was badly fractured, so no hope of his recovery could be entertained. He was anointed immediately, and during the hour that he lived his friends were unceasing in their prayers.

He had begun the day with God, in Holy Communion. He ended it with God, with a merciful judgment. You know a good boy when you see one, and Jerry was a GOOD boy, as good a Notre Dame man as ever walked this campus. A serious, hard-working student, a loyal friend, a gentleman on the football field, in the classroom, and on the campus, a true Catholic who practiced his religion with all the fervor of his soul . . . . at the Grotto, at the altar rail, in visits, in adorations, with his beads . . . . in all his relations with his fellow-men; a dutiful son in all the term implies, Jerry was a good Notre Dame man.

You will give Jerry your prayers, even though he doesn't need them. His bereaved family does need prayers. He is the third son of the Du Wan family to die a violent death. It is hard for them to bear . . . . but the grace of God is strong; it can help them to see that it is heaven, and not earth, that must be the goal of all our desires.

Jerry died as he had lived, in the grace of God. What more can anyone ask?

Tomorrow at 6:25 in the church, a Requiem Mass will be offered for the repose of his soul. You are all requested to be present and to offer your Holy Communion in union with the intentions of the celebrant.

Announcements

PRAYERS: Deceased — Jack Flynn's father; Sister Clare of the Eucharist, '29 (Albany); Eugene Cavanaugh's grandmother; Wm. Ashenden's grandmother; a Priest (drowned); to friends. Ill — John Cunican's mother; Sister Vincent, S.N.D.; relatives of Wm. Corr, John H. Lynch and another student; the mother of Fr. Regis McCoy, O.S.B.; James Dubbs; a friend. Nine special intentions.

The May Devotions will close with a sermon by Father Irving at 7:30 this evening. Note that there is only one service — at 7:30.

Mass in the Sorin chapel at 6:25 Wednesday morning, for the repose of the soul of Jack Flynn's father.