Help Your Folks Through The Depression.

Make the Novena to St. Jude if you want to do something especially nice for your parent during the depression. (Some of you seem to have the idea that the proper way to help them is to get fired out of school. Well, if they are giving you so much money that you have to spend it on liquor to get rid of it, perhaps that is the best way to help them. They haven't come to their senses yet, and there are indications that the depression will continue until a lot of people are beaten down to their knees.)

If you want to add some sacrifice to your prayers during the nine days, make an offering for the local poor. Their situation is critical. The funds are about exhausted. The lunch service furnished the children at the school out on the Niles road will have to be discontinued unless the fund is replenished; and there are many other needs within the confines of the local parish that there are no funds to meet. Twelve dollars have been added to the local contributions since the last Bulletin report - two fives and two ones from alumni and students. (All of this money - and more - has already been turned over to the needy.)

Why The Elevation?

It will probably take another generation to teach people not to bow their heads at the Elevation of the Sacred Species during the Mass. Pope Pius X tried to correct this mistaken practice when he granted an indulgence for looking at the Sacred Host when it was elevated, and saying, "My Lord and My God!" The meaning of the liturgical rite is plain enough: the Host is elevated so that the faithful may see it. But the old Jansenistic error of placing respect before love still causes people to bow their heads.

Again Many Thanks.

The Bengal collection last Sunday amounted to $89 plus. Three offerings of a dollar each from three students have helped.

Another station has been subscribed, this time by the mother of a student in Dillon Hall. The total is now ten. There is something edifying and encouraging in the spontaneity of these responses: it shows how much the story of the Passion of Christ appeals to the Catholic sense. This is a day in which we need to meditate on the Passion, in which we need to make the Way of the Cross. We know that Catholic life is strong when it is guided by a love for the Passion.

Pamphlets Don't Grow On Trees.

The cost of the Pamphlet Racks this year so far has been about $1000. The amount returned through the racks is less than $100; Sunday collections have added $200 to this. The stocks are going to have to dwindle if something doesn't happen.

The Confirmation Class.

Only eight students have thus far handed in their names for confirmation next Sunday. There are probably three times that many here who have not yet received this Sacrament. They should report at once. Candidates for the Sacrament will meet in the Dillon chapel for instructions at 7:00 p.m. Thursday.

PRAYERS: A friend of a student underwent a serious operation this morning. Three deceased friends of students. A seminarian asks your prayers; illness has kept him from church for three years. Three thanksgivings for recoveries from illness. Four special intentions.