Conversation Piece.

The fact that tomorrow, Friday, is the First Friday, and therefore that there is adoration, recalls the following recent conversation with a student:

"Are you making the Novena for parents?"

"Sure thing, Father."

"What's your score?"

"Haven't missed a Mass, Communion, or adoration yet. But, Father, I find it hard to pray for a half-hour straight before the Blessed Sacrament."

"You find it hard? What if Christ walked into this very room, wouldn't you have a lot to say to Him about your parents, their past and future, the approaching recession, for example; about yourself, past and future, and..."

"If it is as simple as that, I've got plenty I'd like to talk over with Christ."

"Well, He's there as sure as He was in Bethlehem's manger or on Calvary's cross. Talk things over with Him, and above all, be silent at times and let Him talk to you."

Incidentally, what did your parents say about your Spiritual Bouquets? Some of you might let others share your own and your parents' joy by sending a note regarding their reaction. It may be used in the Bulletin sometime to refresh your recollection.

Girl Swallows an Elephant.

So Albany, New York papers recently reported, though, of course, it was a Christmas toy. Really, a girl could never swallow an elephant, but some of you attempt something more when you believe you can keep your New Year's resolution to remain in the state of grace without more frequent reception of Christ in the Eucharist—the essence of love, purity and strength.

"The Hounds of Notre Dame."

Don't get killed in the rush chasing after "The Hounds of Notre Dame", an excerpt in the Catholic Digest, (January issue at the News Stand) condensed from Cosmopolitan by Rex Beach.

Read that article regarding Notre Dame of Saskatchewan, a new, struggling college in Canada modelled after your own beloved Notre Dame. We won't spoil it by quoting from it. Read it; take it into your "sessions"; and then after comparing the way those poverty-stricken kids take advantage of the few opportunities they have for spiritual, mental and physical development, see if most of you won't be ashamed at your neglect of far greater opportunities here.

There are only about twenty-five copies of the Catholic Digest at the News Stand. Shock them by asking for more. The article is worth it.

Body, Mind—and Soul.

From a prominent alumnus, for whose father you recently prayed: "Your message of sympathy was deeply appreciated by me and by my family. Prayer, as learned at Notre Dame, has often been a solace to me but never before did it mean as much as at the time of my father's death. I, for one, left Notre Dame with more than a sheepskin and a monogram, the two things I came for."

PRAYERS: (ill) mother of Phil Dahar (St. Ed's); Sister Leonidis, C.S.C.; Sister Grace.