You come from God in the first place and you hope to return to Him in the end. Like every creature, you belong to Him. But, unlike the sun and the stones and the rose, you, being rational and free, can give yourself back to God meritoriously by an act of your will.

After night prayer tonight, privately, breathe an Act of Consecration to God in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Give Him your soul and body, your whole being without reserve—your mind, your heart, your senses, your capacity for pleasure and pain.

This will help you in time of temptation. For, when you are tempted, you will remember that you are God's. And what belongs to Him you will not want to injure or soil.

THE MORNING OFFERING

You should renew this offering every day of the year. It purifies the intention of all you do; that is, it eliminates the dress of selfishness from your acts and restates in words your consecration: "O, Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer Thee all my prayers, works and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of Thy Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all our associates and, in particular, for the intention recommended each month by the Holy Father.

As Father McCarragher said in his sermon Sunday: "Even though a person be plunged in business care or study throughout the day, or even if a person gives himself up to the enjoyment of honest pleasures, he may make of that day something sanctified in the sight of God by the simple expedient of offering all his movements of the day to God." If this has not been one of your good habits, start the practice tonight.

WE'RE LIKE IT

There was a better showing this morning at Mass and Holy Communion for Father O'Hara. Keep it up. Saturday he will write his farewell bulletin to all of you. The day after his consecration he will offer his first pontifical Mass of Thanksgiving in Sacred Heart Church. You can be sure he counts no gift ahead of your prayers.

THE NEW "AVE MARIA" APPEARS

At the pamphlet racks you will find copies of the "Ave" for January 13th. The magazine is celebrating the start of its seventy-fifth year with a new cover and a revised order in the table of contents.

Father Tom Lahay, professor of advertising in the College of Commerce, keeps reminding "Ave" readers each week what an odd and wonderful world this is. His column is titled Life.


PRAYERS: (DECEASED) Mr. Charles McKeough (Chicago) brother of Cong. McKeough of Ill; friend of Father John Ryan, O.S.C.; Mrs. Carles, friend of John Linnihan (Scr); father of John Walsh (Littleton, Col.); father of Springs Steele (Spartanburg, S.C.); mother of Ed "K." and Hill '31 Reaume; mother of John '35, Tom ex-140 and Joe ex-'41 Kavanagh; grandmother of Jim Champley (Dil); (ILL) Mr. Farley, Sylvester Producer and Mary Ready, friends of Br. Angellus, O.S.C.; uncle of Hill Scully (Fresh.); aunt of Mike Pytulay (Cav); Hill Shoshan '35; (recovering) Mike Shannon (Los Angeles ex-140); grandmother and aunt of Bob Kenne (Cav); grandmother and two friends of Bob Sincl (Mcre). 3 sp. ins.