
Army Week-end.

Our Lady must have smiled with pleasure as Daniel Sargent wrote Our Land and Our Lady (Longmans, 1940). She must have enjoyed especially the part quoted below, wherein the author cleverly ribs those meticulous persons who might think she is interested in formal prayers and the glories of art, but not in the daily activities of her American sons:

"For Catholics to say prayers to the Blessed Virgin is not incongruous, since the prayers are Catholic prayers, and the Catholics have a right to do with Catholic things as they want. But worse than that, they have of late, in their cockiness, been taking perfectly good American activities and offering them to her as if they did not belong to the United States.

"Consider football, for instance. That is an American invention, and up-to-date. Yet the Catholic University of Notre Dame, to go no further, plays football for Our Lady, tackles, punts, makes touchdowns for Our Lady — for Notre Dame. Don't they know that the very name of Notre Dame should be associated with such things as Chartres Cathedral, and with artists who look at windows that are more beautiful than jewels?"

It is perfectly true that the name, Notre Dame, should be associated with such things, as Chartres Cathedral, and with artists who look at windows that are more beautiful than jewels. Above all, she wants the name, Notre Dame, to be associated with the state of grace, which is far more precious than any stained glass window, and far more beautiful than any cathedral. St. Paul puts it this way: "Know ye not that you are temples of the Holy Ghost?"

Tomorrow Our Lady from her Dome will see you scatter over the country. Many of you will go with the team to New York; many will go home, or visiting. Wherever you go, you'll be in her land, and under her eyes, because she is the Patroness of the United States.

She hopes that you will have a good time over the week-end wherever you are. She hopes that you will all be gentlemen. Don't break any windows; don't ruin any cathedrals — or temples of the Holy Ghost. Then you can return to the campus and find Our Lady still smiling.

Holyday and Holiday.

Friday is a holyday, Feast of All Saints, and First Friday, also. Mass and Communion is the best start for a happy week-end. For those making the trip to New York, a stopover at Lancaster, Pa, for Mass and Communion has been arranged at a convenient hour. Get to Mass and Communion on Saturday, too.

Saturday is All Souls' Day. The last time that a football game occurred on All Souls' Day was the famous Ohio State game in 1935. The Poor Souls certainly pulled that one out of the fire. Two touchdowns were scored in the last two minutes of the game, making us victors 18 - 13. Millions of prayers were said all over the country that afternoon in honor of the Poor Souls for victory. In fact, some nuns write in that they are still paying off promises made that afternoon to pray for the Poor Souls. As a result, they are afraid to listen in any more, to Notre Dame football games. It's too expensive.

The cops in New York City or any other place, won't arrest you if you visit a church between Friday noon and midnight Saturday. Every such visit, and the recitation of six Pateras, Aves and Glorias, gains a Plenary Indulgence for the Poor Souls.