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Up, Sons of Notre Dame

Notre Dame pledges to the President and this government every help and every facility that she has. That support, of course, must include prayers and fervent ones to the Immaculate Conception who is the Patroness of our beloved country.

You must turn to her too, you who may be discouraged or tempted to give up everything, studying especially. "What's the use of study?" you ask. Plenty. In all probability there will be no sudden change of your status, save for a few. There is little likelihood of many of you being summoned until government plans and wishes regarding you are more definite, until more camp accommodations are available too.

Meantime, conscientious study will make you more valuable to your country. Later, you will have no regrets for credits tossed away negligently.

One's reaction, his poise, in facing an emergency and uncertainty is a test of manhood and you must be men now with no panic, confusion or despair.

Your mother, Notre Dame, knows your feelings. She knows sorrow, the cross well. She knows too that in the cross can be victory, if you make your cross a prayer.

Place yourself and your country under her protection, in the care of the Immaculate Conception in this Novena. If you missed the start this morning, begin Wednesday and you can complete it before you leave the 19th.

Parents' Novena.

Your parents are naturally worried, every one of them.

You owe it to them to strengthen them, to fortify them. Right now your Parents' Novena is the greatest aid you can give them. They need spiritual strength more than any present you can offer.

Show them you're on the job. Show them you recognize their own need and your own need - and that you're going to the infallible source.

It's a time for stout hearts, determined hearts, prayerful hearts.

All Cut.

Many of your fellow students have asked for a Notre Dame solidly united in prayer to her.

You fortunately have that chance in the present Novena for Parents. You have the opportunity now for daily:

Mass and Communion
Adoration
Benediction and the Rosary at 5:20 P.M.

It's time for prayer, for stout and determined hearts too. You've got a big job ahead of you and you need your heavenly mother's help for whatever the future will bring.

If one thing you're sure. She won't let you down any time, any place.

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PRAYERS: (Deceased) Gordon Anderson, friend of J. Joeke (Dil); father of J. McIntyre (Wal)(4th.Anniv.), Mrs. Michael Lynch, Ill, mother of L. Deeley, alumna of Havana, Cuba; friend of T. Rinella (Al); grandmother of J. Price (How) sister of W. Barry (Bad).