Call to Arms - And Knees.

Several students have suggested that the boys who are leaving for army service at the semester be given some send-off. Certainly, and naturally the most valuable help is prayer, entrusting them to the protection and care of Our Lady.

A Novena is most appropriate for these students who are leaving shortly to prepare to fight our battle. Generosity and sacrifice will warm you up, inside, at least.

The exams are not far off and that is a further reason for every mother's son of you to get down on your knees for some serious prayer after this vacation.

Start tomorrow your Novena of 9 Masses and Communions, SATURDAY, MARY'S DAY, for the following intentions:

1. FOR YOUR FELLOW STUDENTS departing for Army or Navy service. Charity begins at home and those departing students should, of course, make the Novena faithfully and devoutly, their last at Notre Dame.

A general confession, a review of the past, for each of them is an excellent means of preparation. They start on a new life with serious consequences ahead. They will never have as suitable an opportunity of clearing up all worries of the past. They should go prepared with an absolutely clean record.

2. FOR SUCCESS IN EXAMS. God helps those who help themselves. Prayer alone, of course, will not get you through the exams, but this Novena can help you to prepare calmly and thoroughly for the battle.

3. FOR YOUR COUNTRY TOO, for the President and those who have charge of the conduct of the war. Your liberty and future are at stake in their hands. Even from a purely selfish motive you should pray for Divine guidance for them.

The Pope's New Order.

Pray too, that when it finally comes, peace will be on such terms that it will be permanent, not a cause of future wars. The Pope in his Christmas message laid down five conditions that must govern "a new order founded on moral principles" if we are ever to have a lasting peace.

1. There can be "no room for the violation of the freedom, integrity and security of other states."

2. "There is no place for open or concealed oppression of the cultural and linguistic characteristics of national minorities or restriction of their economic resources, or abolition of their natural fertility".

3. "There is no place for calculating egotistical hoarding of economic resources and materials destined for the use of all - so that less favored nations are prevented access to them."

4. After this war is finished, "there is no place for a total warfare or a mad rush to armaments."

5. In the new order, "there is no place for the persecution of religion and of the Church."

Reminder: Sunday church collections (except 3rd Sunday) are for pamphlets, rosaries, etc.