Segreteria Di Stato
di
Sua Santita

From the
Vatican
September 12, 1942

My dear students,

At the gracious command of the Holy Father, I have to thank you for the many prayers and good works offered by you for His intentions and presented to Him in a Spiritual Bouquet on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of His Episcopal Consecration.

This further evidence of your devoted filial attachment to the Vicar of Christ upon earth has been a source of great consolation to the paternal heart of His Holiness, and, desirous of making some return for the supernatural riches with which you have endowed Him, He imparts to you and to all His beloved children of Notre Dame University, His fatherly Apostolic Blessing.

With sentiments of religious devotion, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

L. CARD. MAGLIONE

In 1936 Pope Pius XII visited Notre Dame. He was then Cardinal Pacelli. One of the most prized photographs taken on the campus is that of the Cardinal at prayer before the main altar of Sacred Heart Church. A few minutes before He knelt in prayer, the Cardinal passed through the guard of honor formed by the students at the entrance of the University. It rained that afternoon. The Cardinal's plane reached South Bend an hour behind schedule, yet the students waited for him. And when he arrived on the campus and passed down the line of students, he was warmly greeted by the united body of Notre Dame men.

No doubt when the Holy Father was handed your Spiritual Bouquet, he recalled the Notre Dame welcome he received in 1936. And perhaps there came to his mind the sacrifice of personal comfort the students made in waiting for him, and with this recollection there arose the hope that the men of Our Lady's University will continue to make sacrifices for him, in time, prayer, money, even life itself, in order that he will obtain the light and the grace to bring peace, justice, and love of God back to the souls entrusted to his care by the Good Master.

One sacrifice can save a soul. One sacrifice can bring the Peace of Christ closer to the world. Our Holy Father asks us to help him shepherd his flock. We won't refuse him. And we are grateful for his Apostolic Blessing.

PRAYERS: (deceased) Joseph Craven; Wm. Julian; grandmother of Bill Stierwalt (Car); cousin of Frank Coghlan (Car); father of former faculty member, Lieut. L. W. Wilkins, U.S.N.R.