(FOR THE CATHOLIC STUDENT AT NOTRE DAME)

Eve. Masses: 5:00 P.M. University of Notre Dame
and 6:45 P.M. in Dillon
Confessions at Mass.

Pray for the return of
prodigal sons to the
love of Christ.

Purcahse God's Blessing For Your Parents.

You can buy your Christmas gifts for your parents in the department or jewelry store
and let your token of love stop there with some material gift. Or you can be
thoroughly Catholic and express your filial affection by the more lasting and
perfect gift of prayer. Your attitude towards the Christmas Novena for Parents will
show whether or not you have the stuff that makes for real Catholic sons.

Your parents are not looking for gold or silver, but a token of your love. They
don't need the gift that money can buy. If that were the case, they would buy it
themselves. They do need your love, and they have a right to it. When you pray for
your mother and father, you give perfect proof of your interest in their welfare.
Prayer requires sacrifice. It demands time and thought. You can't pick it up on a
trip to town. Prayer brings God into the picture, the Giver of all good gifts.

Parents don't forget these items.

Your Number One Gift.
(The Mass)

Your parents deserve the best. The most perfect prayer is the Sacrifice of the Mass.
At Mass you can give your intentions to Our Lord. He makes them His own. You are
not alone at Mass, for you are praying with Christ. There can be no more powerful
prayer for your parents than that of the Son of God. Every loyal son will overlook
the self-denial involved in attending Mass. The civilian student will cheerfully
rise in sufficient time to arrive in the chapel for the beginning of Mass. The
Service Man will not loiter in his rooms nor on the campus after class.

Go the full way for your mother and father. Receive Holy Communion every day during
Novena. Chesterton has made the observation that "Holy Communion makes men men".

Parents know that their sons are trying to make men out of themselves when they partake
of the Bread of Life.

As part of your Novena, make frequent visits to the Blessed Sacrament in your hall
chapel. Modern life is geared to highspeed. Change your tempo. Constant hurry makes
youth forget, and you can't afford to forget that Christ is in the chapel awaiting
your visits. A short stop in the chapel, before class and after, will be a means of
bringing blessings upon yourself and your parents. A visit does not mean long and
special prayers. Do this: bend your knee, tell Our Lord you want the day of classes
and study to give honor to Him, pray in your own words for inspiration and offer
everything as part of your Novena.

If you are living in sin, return to God's friendship tonight by a good confession.
The minimum of honor you can show your parents is by living in the state of grace.

Two More Gold Stars.

Ensign Matthew Miller, '42 of Chicago was killed in a plane crash near Wildwood, N. J.
on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Major Vincent Harrington, '25 died in Rutlandshire, England, November 29. He was
a guard on the famous Four Horseman team. Major Harrington resigned as a representative,
in congress from Iowa shortly after Pearl Harbor in order to enlist in the army. At
the time of his death he was security control officer at the army air force support
command base at Rutlandshire.

PRAYERS: (deceased) John C. Bergan, '31; brother of Don Hummer (Val); father of
former Prof. Thomas Stritch and brother of A-shipsource Samuel Stritch; mother of
Dan Sullivan, '40; Mother Mary Queen of Apostles. (Ill) mother of Father Raymond