First Friday Masses: In all military halls at 5:00; Dillon at 6:45

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The Pope Speaks To Youth About Family Life.

Next Sunday, Mother Church draws your attention to marriage, the home and children, through the Feast of the Holy Family. As a preparation for the graces of this Feast, reflect on the advice given by Pope Pius XI in his encyclical "Christian Marriage".

"For it cannot be denied that the basis of a happy wedlock, and the ruin of an unhappy one, is prepared and set in the souls of boys and girls during the period of childhood and adolescence. There is danger that those who before marriage sought in all things what is theirs, who indulged even their impure desires, will be in the marriage state what they were before, that they will reap that which they have sown; indeed, within the home there will be sadness, lamentation, mutual contempt, strifes, estrangements, weariness of common life, and, worst of all, such parties will find themselves left alone with their own unconquered passions."

If one gives himself to impure talk, immodest conduct, questionable companionship, and suggestive reading, he is breaking down his respect for marriage and true affection for the family. And the greater the indulgence in these occasions of sin, the more seeds of marriage unhappiness are sown. Life in the Service of the country may bring youth many new temptations, but it also presents young men with the opportunity to develop many of the elements which make for joy and contentment in family life, namely, the common life, regularity, punctuality, mutual respect, patience, consideration for the rights and feelings of others, and perseverance.

You are building your future now. God planned family life to be a source of tremendous happiness. Love purity and practice it, and your family life will produce endless joys. A visit to the crib with the request that the Holy Family make you a strong family man is in order Sunday.

An Example For First Friday.

For your inspiration, we present the story of a Notre Dame man, Lieut. Fred Wolff, '40 who, carried with him into the Service a record of ten years of unbroken First Friday Communions. On one First Friday during the last summer, he was enroute to a new mission. Determined to continue this devotion towards the Sacred Heart, he fasted all day in the hope that the opportunity to receive Holy Communion would come. It came. In the late afternoon he stepped on the shores of the Aleutians and met a Catholic Chaplain who gave him Communion. Devotion to the Sacred Heart through Holy Communion is rich in merit. Never miss a First Friday.

Wounded -- Needs Prayers.

In a midwestern Army hospital, there is a Notre Dame man suffering from wounds received in the Italian campaign. It has been requested that his name be concealed for the time being. A recent graduate visited this patient, a member of the class of '40 and sent this note: "He has been seriously wounded with shrapnel in his right lung and head. Although they have operated three times, he shows tremendous courage and insists there is scarcely anything wrong. I know he would appreciate your asking the fellows to pray for his recovery."

PRAYERS: (deceased) father of Prof. Frank O'Malley; mother of Jim Guihan (USMCR); cousin of Barney Slater (Sorin). (Ill) father of Prof. Walter Miller (Physics Dept) -- critical; father of Father Joseph Kehoe, C.S.C. (Missing in Action) Lieut. John Curran, brother of Harry Curran, '36. 2 Thanksgivings. 2 Special Intentions.