A Pre-Exam Story

An old Irishwoman was on her way to visit the neighboring country. As she was about to step across the border, the customs officer accosted her and asked if she had any goods to declare.

"No, none at all," replied the traveller.

"But, what is in that bottle?" the officer demanded.

"Holy, holy water from Lourdes," was the response.

The officer pulled the cork. "Whiskey, it is," he barked.

"Glory be to God" cried the offender. "A miracle."

The examinations are only eight days away. Don't expect God to perform any supernatural wonders unless you make yourself deserving of them by prayer and earnest study. The key to the treasury of God blessing is prayer: "ASK and you shall receive." Perservering prayer is most effective. That is why you should make a NOVENA for success in the approaching tests. Nine mornings of Mass and Holy Communion and nine evenings of the Rosary will bring a happy conclusion to your study. Start the Novena tomorrow.

Are You Leaving School?

A General Confession will help you, if you are about to take up a new state of life, like a job, or military service. A General Confession is a way of closing the door on your past life of infidelities to the Laws of God, and of getting the assurance that the future can be one of virtue. Before you step into the confessional to make this General Confession, spend some time in fervent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament making sincere resolutions to avoid old occasions of sin and to use the prayer and the Sacraments more frequently, if you have been lax. It is best to make this Confession before the examinations begin. The most convenient time to make a General Confession is any evening after 7:30 in Sorin or Cavanaugh chapels, in the Basement chapel of the church between 6:15 and 7:30 any evening, and after Benediction Sunday night.

ADORATION Closes Friday

With regret I look back on the numerous chances I have missed to drop in to visit Our Lord, even though for only a few moments. From the visits I have made I can think of no more beautiful or effective way of resting one's mind and heart. I find that time passes very quickly, and that it is easy to remain for a considerable time. When I leave I find myself much more at peace."

"Not long ago a fellow-student told me of his feeling as a result of adoring the Blessed Sacrament for one half-hour. 'I received Holy Communion in the morning, and at 1:30 I took my turn at adoration. I thanked the Lord for everything and prayed as I had never prayed before. It seemed to me the closest contact I had ever had with God. That day I felt like a new man, and everything that I did seemed to be done in a new spirit.' If only one student had such experience, perpetual adoration at Notre Dame would be a great success."

-- Student comments about Adoration

PRAYERS: (deceased) Sister St. Paul (Ursulines of Toledo). One Thanksgiving and Three Special Intentions.