May Adoration, MWTF, 11:00 to 1:00 p.m. and Benediction. (Confessions tonight.)

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FIRST FRIDAY coming. . . Novena for Mother’s Day also begins next Friday.

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Maurice Mahon Son of Eddy.

The sudden death--Fort Wayne plane crash--Saturday night of Maurice (FBI) Mahon, ’50, son of Eddie (Chemistry Hall) Mahon gave a shock to all of us who have known and loved the Mahon family for years. Real native Irish faith, love of God and Mary, beautifully characteristic of Eddie, his devoted wife, their two sons and two daughters, one of whom is a nun; daily Communion and daily rosary; these traits of their Godliness teach us a grace-ful lesson in family life in Christ, a wordless sermon no common words may adequately express.

To Eddie Mahon and his bereaved family we extend our heartfelt sympathies. Unite your prayers Wednesday morning with the official prayers of the Church. The funeral Mass in Sacred Heart Church will be at 10 o’clock Wednesday morning. . . Although Our Lord told us to be always ready for the summons that might come at any time, we have to have the warning driven home constantly. These warnings are for us who remain. As we live, so shall we die. To be ready means to be in the state of grace; that alone can insure for us a merciful Judgment. . . Knowing Maurice as we knew him, it can be said with complete confidence that he is with God for Whom he lived and from Whom he daily sought life. Thus--Maurice Mahon son of Eddie goes back to God. Age 25.

Let May Be Your Finest Month.

When we recall all the divine benefits Christ gave us. . . His Father as “our Father” . . . His Body and Blood in the Eucharist as our pledge of everlasting life. . . His Spirit to “teach us all truth”. . . His Church as our infallible guardian. . . His Seven Sacraments as outward signs of inward divine union which transform us into adopted sons of God and heirs of His heavenly kingdom.

Is there any wonder that He Who gave His life that we might live would stop short of giving us as our Mother the woman whom He chose above all the women of the earth, His own divine Mother? Would there not have been a great spiritual vacuum in what we received from Our Lord if He had not given His Mother to us as our very own?

Mary co-operated with Him in the graces of Redemption. Her role in the divine plan is to extend that co-operation as co-Redeemer in the dispensation of those same graces throughout His Mystical Body. We could never have had Christ without His Mother. Through Mary God came to us. Is it not fitting that through Mary we should go back to Him? Upon this point of Catholic doctrine, Mary as Mediatrix of all graces, rest the simplified, refined slogan of true spirituality--To Jesus through Mary.

Your Finest Hour. . . It Could Be!

May Day is not just a negation of anti-American activities. It is above all the affirmation of our love of Mary as a reflection of our love for Christ. Today as every day we prove this love and express our enthusiasm for her Great Cause, or suffer the sorry consequences of permitting evil and irreligion to spread like a pestilence.

Out of your own minds has evolved a plan to honor Mary, Queen of Peace. This program to be successful calls for wholehearted participation by every student. When the church bells ring (5 o’clock tomorrow night) assemble where you are directed outside your halls. (The candlelight procession is not a pious extra, for candlelight processions are rituals of intense devotion at Lourdes and Fatima.) . . . When you hear the Rosary over the loud speakers—begin the march and make audible responses.

This should be YOUR FINEST HOUR! Put it over for Mary and for peace.

Prayers: (deceased) friend of Carl Nickels; father of Bernard, ’40, and Robert, ’48, Murray; William F. Pearson, ’26. Ill, grandfather of J. Hamlin (St. B’s); Sister Pascal Schafer, C.P.P.S.; hurt, Myron Bryczuk (Dil). (Another $5 for Koreans.)