It has been suggested that instead of meeting in the chapels for the private recitation of the Rosary in common, students interested might prefer gathering in small groups in their rooms. As far as we’re concerned, suit yourselves. However, select a time that does not interfere with hall regulations or with regularly scheduled night prayers. Make up a group to your own liking. There is something inspiring about family (cell) groups privately praying the Rosary.

But there is this in favor of the chapel: the recitation of the Rosary is the presence of the Blessed Sacrament carries with it a plenary indulgence. Not enough take advantage of this, but again there are many who do.

For the 5 o’clock Rosary and Benediction in the Main Church Monday there were 81.

There Is A Purgatory.

That there is a place where souls suffer who have not remitted all the temporal punishment due to their sins is a dogma of Faith. Looking into the New Testament we have Our Lord comparing Purgatory to a prison: "Amen, I say to thee, thou shalt not go out from hence till thou repay the last farthing."

One hears time and again, "I’ll be satisfied if I make Purgatory." St. Thomas Aquinas taught that there is no distinction between the torments of Hell and those of Purgatory, except that the punishment of Hell is eternal. St. Augustine said that "The same fire burns the lost and the saved." He explains how the pains of Purgatory are greater than the sufferings of all the martyrs.

All this points to the suggestion we place in your mind, namely, that no one should neglect opportunities for gaining indulgences, either partial or plenary. If we believe what the saints tell us we will do well to avoid Purgatory.

The Vocational Holy Hour (Thursday 4:30-5:30): anyone mentally old enough to be in college and adult enough to know he needs God’s help to recognize and accept the state in life God has in mind will instinctively feel the call to pray.

What you may not know is this: "The faithful, who take part for an entire hour in the public exercise known as the 'Holy Hour,' in any church... in order to venerate the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ, and to worship and meditate upon the burning love whereby He was led to institute the Holy Eucharist, may gain a plenary indulgence, under the usual conditions." --Baccolta.

The conditions: confession, Holy Communion and prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father. Confession, the regular weekly confession suffices; Holy Communion on the day itself, the day before, or within eight days after; prayers for the Holy Father, 5 Our Fathers, 5 Hail Marys, 5 Glorias will usually cover it. It goes without saying that to receive the plenary indulgence you must have the intention to gain it and be in the state of grace. It is advisable to make an act of perfect contrition for every sin, mortal and venial, on the day you receive Communion.

Add One More.

"The faithful who spend at least half an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in any church... to obtain vocations to the priesthood, and who, in addition, go to confession and receive Holy Communion, may gain a plenary indulgence." --Baccolta.

Prayers: (deceased) aunt of Frank Law (deceased) Elizabeth O’Connor; (deceased) father of John Law (died) Wounded in Korea Paul Cullum. Recently ill, mother of John Law; Jack Peterson (husband of nurse, nurse in hospital).