Prayers: deceased Frederick University of Notre Dame

First of 1930, February 27, 1952

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The Only Solace
(By Request)

To walk, I cannot use my feet
My hands, I cannot use to eat
But oh! I have my eyes to see
Dear God, You are so good to me.

My body's bound with an iron chain
Though I am quite free of pain
But I restrain the blinding tear
And thank You, God, that I can hear.

The common life I truly miss
My sister's company was bliss
But grace for all I may beseech
I thank You, God, for the gift of speech.

For every need I must depend
Upon the service that others rend
A heavy cross, the falling kind
But oh! my God, I have my mind.

Daily, hourly, suppressed desire
To do for others, ignites a fire
That lights my way up Calvary's Hill
The Only Solace: 'Tis God's will.

The Sister who inspired these verses was helplessly crippled with arthritis. A student suggested that they are apropos of Jim Aoki, who, as a daily Communicant, remembers all his friends and confreres at Notre Dame.

One student, contributing his dollar, writes: "Hello Jim: This is just another note from one of your fellow N.D. students wishing you God's blessing in the years to come. I'm sure He will reward your suffering. I will remember both you and your family in my prayers."

This is indicative of the right spirit: "Dear Father: Decided not to take last weekend in Chicago where I would have spent at least $14 on myself with nothing to show for it before God or man. Maybe these 14 bucks will get Jim Aoki out of the hospital sooner."

From Cavanaugh Hall boys: $85.00! Five dollars each from two employees. Dollar donations from others. Total on hand for Jim Aoki is $122.00.

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The topic to be discussed at the INSTITUTE ON STATES OF LIFE, Engineering Auditorium at 8 p.m., is "The Religious Life." Father Robinson, Sister Carmen and Brother Edward will be the speakers. A discussion period follows. Regular Wednesday night lenten devotions begin next week.

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The worst evil. Greater than all physical evils is the evil of mortal sin. Worse than mortal sin in its effects on our lives is the denial of sin itself by a false conscience. It is to this grave peril to which the Holy Father referred when he said the world has lost "its sense of sin."

Prayers: (deceased) grandmother of Kim Hewson; Dr. William S. Calcott; Bill Cook; Ill, Brother Bertrand, C.S.C.; Dr. Frank O'Donnell; Sister Oswald, R.S.M.; Bunji Tanimatsu, grad-student; young cousin of Jack Enders (How). (9 Special Intentions.)