Suppose you were the victim of a hit-and-run driver at night. Cast headlong from your car, you lay alone in unbearable pain along a lonely road. Another car comes along filled with young college people. They slow down. You cry at the top of your voice for help, but they merely give a passing glance, then drive on into the night, lest they be late for the party.

Would that negligence be criminal?

How would you characterize the negligence of those students who heartlessly ignore the Poor Souls? Woe to them in their day of suffering!

Someday, please God, you will be in Purgatory -- but you will be there alone, in pain, yearning, as no one in this world ever yearned, to be delivered from the flames that engulf you; helpless to hurry along your reception into Heaven.

Remember, Holy Scripture reminds us that nothing defiled can enter Heaven. To bring the picture nearer to you, if you were to die this moment, would you deserve to go straight to Heaven? Have you honestly done ample penance for all sins you have ever committed? Are you sure you have?

Would you feel better about the whole matter if you knew that a great army of Saints in Heaven, standing before the throne of God, were raising their spotless voices, beseeching Almighty God to have mercy on you, and to accept their petition that you, their friend, be admitted into their holy company?

That's exactly what could happen; for it is unthinkable that Poor Souls for whom we have prayed could fail to remember their benefactors, once they have been purified and admitted into the company of God!

Prayers: Deceased: Uncle of Jack Varney (O-C); father of Bill Huber, '51; Cousin of Dale Renault of Morrissey; friend of Bill Cuddy of Walsh (Korea); friend of Jack Mannion of Alumni (Korea); grandmother of Tom Murphy of Dillon. Ill: Faye Winfield, friend of Al Abiouness of Alumni; friend of Bill Chervenak, '52; brother and 2 sisters of Jim Corcoran of Dillon (accident). 4 Special Intentions.

Mass: Wednesday, 7:20, Sacred Heart Church, for Archbishop Reyes of Manila (deceased).

List the names of your relatives and friends deceased; drop them in the box. Nine Masses are being offered these days as part of the Novena for the Poor Souls.