To Johnny-Come-Late

You would, if you thought it over for a moment, want to be on time for the Mass of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception. Surely, you have that much love for her! The very atmosphere of our campus provokes a measure of devotion in even the non-Catholics here.

A few habitually careless ones -- with nothing to do all day, mind you -- probably allowed themselves the usual 15 minutes for the sermon; and then came strolling in to a rude shock: no sermon, and the priest beyond the Offertory!

To much the same school of thought belong those who came to the 11 o'clock Mass, and departed at 11:22 -- before the Mass was finished. No great show of devotion there, one is tempted to conclude. And we doubt if the Mother of God was pleased by the spectacle.

The Bulletin does not judge the degree of your guilt; that belongs to God alone. The Bulletin merely iterates the unmistakable teaching of the Church on the obligation involved. On this point there is no room for argument.

Anyone who can't hear the church bells (24 no less) is either 4-F or Section 8 material. Furthermore, being prompt for Mass is not a Notre Dame regulation. The pastor in your home parish will expect you to be on time there. It is expected of all Catholics everywhere. Without a doubt, it will encourage the blessing of the Mother of God on your work and on your life here, too.

Some New Missals

The Prefect of Religion has a few 4-volume missals. The division is like the priest's breviary -- according to the seasons. These missals are compact, of good binding, and devoid of the bulky, one-volume edition. Besides, there are also the St. Andrew's Daily Missal, and the Catholic Missal -- at eminently reasonable prices.

The Basketball Team

By now you'll admit that they are a good, sturdy, representative crowd, with courage and determination. They started last week on a long, rugged schedule that will take them all over the nation before March. Incidentally, they'll sacrifice their Christmas vacation. Meantime, they'll appreciate your prayerful intercession that they acquit themselves honorably of their obligations as your ambassadors of good sportsmanship. At any given time, five of them will be representing 5000 of you. Help them in the task that lies before them. Your prayers will enable them to cultivate good team spirit, to escape injuries, and to win as many games as will bring honor to the Lady for whom they play.

PRAYERS Deceased: mother of Garry Owen Watt of Morrissey hall; aunt of Robert J. Maley; Henry Harter, friend of M.A. Nieman; father of George Kelly of Off-Campus; Archbishop McNally of Halifax. Ill: John Altman (auto accident); Barbara Haley and John Purris, relatives of James Price; mother of Roy Kreber. You did it again! Jack Whelan humbly thanks you for your prayerful remembrance of his sister (polio) given up by doctors. She's now out of danger, as are her child and husband (polio).

Novena-for-parents greeting cards now available at the pamphlet racks.