This coming week -- beginning Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. -- the Holy Cross Fathers will again be hosts to the entire Catholic area in a giant public display of devotion to the Mother of God, under her new title, "Queenship of Mary." All eyes will turn to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, on the western edge of the campus, opposite the entrance to St. Mary's. And thousands of our neighborhood will become pilgrims as they approach the holy place -- bringing praise and petition to the Mother of God in a Solemn Public Novena. You, along with St. Mary's, the numerous Catholic parishes, schools, and organizations of the area, will have an interest and a part in the Novena.

Many of you will want to attend services each day of the Novena. That's good! But you will be having examinations, and it may not be convenient to attend each evening. And so, in order that the University may be officially represented each evening, in this great, public tribute to Our Lady, two (2) halls will be designated at the official pilgrimage group -- to represent the 5300 Notre Dame Student Body.

Each evening, therefore, at 7:40, the hall bells will notify the particular groups of that day to set out for the Shrine. Evening devotions will begin at 8 p.m. On the closing evening -- Monday, May 30 -- there will be an outdoor Mass, and distribution of Communion.

The Novena begins this Sunday at 3 p.m. On Monday evening, Fisher and Alumni halls will comprise the first official pilgrimage group to represent the University. They are to attend the services in the name of all of us. It is an honor, as well as a responsibility.

Last year, student attendance was wholehearted, and edifying. Let's have a repeat performance; let's make it even better this year! It will be, if you make it a point to attend on the evening assigned to you personally. Each hall council could terminate the year's activity in a blaze of glory by assuring a full attendance by their respective units. Let's be there on the night assigned to us!

"Res Clamat Ad Dominum"

This means that it is time to begin returning objects to their owners -- things that were borrowed in good faith, like books from the Prefect of Religion, the tux, the ties and shirts, the sax and wing collars. And the debts! Owners will be delighted to have their property returned, and their financial accounts in good order, as we move into exams, and then scatter to the four winds. This obligation extends to University property, athletic equipment, etc. Don't presume anything -- just return it to the proper person, before the hubbub of exams causes you to forget all about these matters of conscience. The Recording Angel, you know, doesn't forget.

No "Ebbet's Field" Here

The slick, well-dressed, cologne-drenched appearance of the Seniors at Mass, last Sunday was something to behold! Their appearance also dressed up the campus considerably. "Oh," you say, "but they had some help, too." Yes they did. But that's the way you should all look every Sunday at Mass. Your appearance lends dignity to the occasion. The Mass is deserving of your best Sunday suit -- like the Morris Inn, and St. Mary's.

PRAYERS -- Deceased: Tim Cass (former employee); grandfather of Patricia Johnston, (Commerce); father of Brother Melaric, CSC; Thomas Laboe of Lyons; III: Mother of Jim Revord of Badin;

Tonight -- 6:45 in Sacred Heart Church: The Novena to the Sorrowful Mother.