University of Notre Dame

Departure of Holy Cross Missionaries for India.

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Don't miss the Pep Rally, Friday evening right after the Novena. There you'll get a slice of Notre Dame Spirit that can't be duplicated in all this wide world. There will be milling throngs, loud laughter, and flares to light the way to the gym. You will hear stirring music, booming cheers, and shrill whistling, along with lusty singing. Even staid faculty veterans will start humming. The air will be infectious; and the loyalty boundless, as a lot of steam goes up the flue. Then you'll applaud as the team files in, listen to dynamic speakers, and spend your last vocal chord on the hubbub. It's a thrilling, if slightly raucous, experience. And the groundlings will have a ball! You'll also find the event wholesome and inspiring, and contagious. It mirrors our school loyalty and love of sport.

And that's the way it should be -- a tribute to the stouthearted team that plays hard and well for the honor of the fair Lady atop the Dome. She's worthy of their best effort. The team deserves our support and the tribute we pay it. In our eyes these representatives of the school are always champions.

This is one picture of campus life -- for one team that represents Notre Dame.

Tomorrow evening -- you will witness another Notre Dame team, and another parade of champions -- the heroes of God's far vineyard, and Notre Dame's finest -- as we bid farewell to another group of Notre Dame priests, Brothers, and Sisters, and send them from the campus to the Holy Cross foreign mission field in Bengal. It won't have the noise of the Pep Rally; but it will be as stirring a sight as you'll behold in your young lives. It will remind you of the day when Our Lord sent the 12 apostles to "teach all nations."

You'll see these newest apostles go forth with big hearts and willing hands. They will leave father and mother, friends, and home, and country. In doing so, they will bring God's blessing not only on their own labors, but also upon us who are likewise part of the Notre Dame family.

Ever stop to think of all the blessings that have come to Notre Dame? It could be, you know, that many of them are earned by that portion of the family not even on the scene here. That's the way God works at times -- one sows and another reaps the harvest!

The Departure Ceremony begins at 7:30, tomorrow evening in Sacred Heart Church. Six priests, six Brothers, and two Sisters of Holy Cross will make up the group. Come over and give them a holy send-off.

Quickies

We're grateful to the Freshmen for their teamwork -- distributing themselves at the early Sunday Masses almost perfectly, leaving the late Masses for Upperclassmen... and thanks to all the priests who heard confessions for many hours throughout the four class missions... and thanks to the K. of C.'s for ushering the thousands into an orderly assistance at the Masses... and to the Orientation Committee for their assistance during the first days of Freshmen Week... Don't forget the Family Rosary in your own hall -- one of the best of N. D. traditions... Sign up for First Friday Adoration -- one-half hour at your convenience... Novena starts Friday evening, 6:45.

PRAYERS - Deceased: grandmother of Gerry Niesen and Jack Amann (O-C). Ill: father of Charles Duffy, '30; grandfather of Bob Duffy of Pangborn. & Special Intentions.