Friday night at 6:45
The Sorrowful Mother
Novena as usual.

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Founder's Day

Sunday will be the Feast of St. Edward, patron saint of Father Edward Sorin, C.S.C.,
the founder of the University. Many of you will be absent from the campus, but those
of us who remain here will pause to honor his memory. There will be a Solemn Mass
at 9 a.m. and Father Thomas McAvoy, head of the Department of History, will speak
on the founder. As for you -- your love for Notre Dame will be greater once you have
learned something about her founders.

Sunday would be a good day to visit the Log Chapel, the replica of one built by
Father Hadin, the first priest ordained in the United States. This was Notre Dame
115 years ago.

Visit Old College. Father Sorin erected this building and secured from the State
Legislature a charter "to confer and grant.... such degrees and diplomas in the lib-
eral arts and sciences as are usually conferred and granted in other universities
in the United States...." This was Notre Dame 113 years ago.

Look about you. Fill your eyes with the panorama of lakes and woods and fields.
Then let your eyes rest on the golden statue of Our Blessed Mother. See if you can
explain it all -- the Notre Dame of today -- without that statue!

Notre Dame exists today because of the dream of Father Sorin and the efforts of his
fellow Holy Cross priests, Brothers and Sisters down through all these years. Notre
Dame exists today because the dream of Father Sorin was a spiritual dream based upon
the most practical thing in the world -- a lively faith in God, plus a dynamic devo-
tion to His Blessed Mother.

And you might very well take a little walk through the modest Community cemetery
on the western edge of the campus and count there the list of stalwart souls who were
Sorin's companions and those who came after him, laboring with the same keen mind
and great heart to give you what you have today -- a splendid university.

And this will be a day to dip into Father Hope's Notre Dame—100 Years. It makes
anything but dull reading because it is replete with instances of the heroic virtue
these men put to work in moulding the school that is yours today.

You may even be moved to pray for them -- and for the men who guide Notre Dame today.

Don't Ever Forget This

There is nothing more fatal to Faith than the twin sins of missing Mass on Sunday and
eating meat on Friday. When these move into your routine -- it's the end! When a
person's life gives every evidence that he is habitually in the state of mortal sin,
and when the priest gets there too late with the Last Sacraments, inquire into his
past life and you will invariably find in most cases that the victim started out by
missing mass on Sunday. Drunkenness and impurity have their wrecks and their fatal
ends but the mercy of God goes out in extraordinary fashion so often to the poor,
weak victims of strong appetites and weak wills. It is not so with those who flaunt
the command of the Church and openly disobey her precepts. Their hearts are hardened
and they die in sin.

PRAYERS REQUESTED: Deceased: Robert Bruzek, '38; Herbert Gocke, '32; father of John
Einhorn of Alumni (recently); brother of Rev. Stanley Parry, CSC. Ill: father of Fr.
John Lubbers, CSC; aunt of Jim Carroll of Alumni; father of Sister M. Nicholas, HHM;
Norman Duke, '34; grandmother of Bernard Fliger of Dillon; friend of Dante Fuligni(0-0).