

# Rap Around Rap Around

## Equal Time

How does your family observe the religious aspect of Christmas?

### NOTRE DAME

**TED WHITMER**  
Sophomore  
football



"I'm not Catholic, but every year we go to midnight service; it's a tradition around the house. Christmas has gotten so commercialized. What it's all about has been lost; it would be better if Christmas were observed more simply."

**LEE KIMBALL**  
Sophomore  
class treasurer



"It's a major part of our lifestyle, the religious part of the major holidays; not only Christmas, but Easter as well. Ornaments around the house and in church remind us of the religious meaning. At Easter, we realize that it's not just eating candy."

**KATHY ATKINSON**  
Senior  
cheerleader



"Every Christmas we have a traditional turkey dinner, and we go to midnight Mass together. Whenever we can, we try to get the whole family together at Christmas. I think too many people get caught up with the idea of getting presents when Christmas is supposed to be a time of giving as much as it's a time of receiving. Not enough people remember that Christmas is for Christ. TV doesn't help influence the idea of what Christmas should mean."

**TERRY MCGILL**  
Senior  
track



"We light an Advent wreath and say special prayers at meal times. We go to Mass at midnight as a family on Christmas Eve. We also display a nativity scene. I think Christmas has become fairly commercialized, but I think the Christ-aspect of Christmas is still there because people continue to donate money to the poor over the Christmas holidays, and they celebrate Christmas as Christ's birth."

**KATHY DINGLEBERRY**  
Senior  
yearbook co-editor



"Usually we all go to Mass together on Christmas Eve and then we spend Christmas day together when we go to our grandparents'. We also put a manger up; Christmas has gotten too commercial; people should be observing more all throughout Advent. Here at school we do something every day working on the Christmas baskets, and that reminds us."

**BETH TRIFOSO**  
Sophomore  
gymnastics



"We all get together at one house and go to Mass together. My mother makes an Advent wreath and we light it before dinner when everyone's around to prepare for Christmas. Sometimes we read special prayers each night. Instead of thinking about yourself for Christmas, people should think about the real meaning of the holiday."

**MARY KEENAN**  
Senior  
National Honor Society



"We go to Mass as a family. Christmas is commercialized. You see more on TV about buying gifts and everything rather than about showing your love. I think people are becoming more aware of the religious aspect; churches and the Salvation Army are making people more aware of what Christmas is supposed to be."

**EILEEN CONNELLY**  
sophomore  
cheerleader



"We go to church together; our whole family gets together at Christmas. We also have an Advent wreath at home, and we go to Mass during the week more often during Advent. Sometimes people lose the real meaning of Christmas — instead of worrying about getting stuff they should worry about getting the real spirit of Christmas."



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MERRY CHRISTMAS  
from  
The  
McQuaid Family

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Joy Of  
Christmas  
Be with you  
Through  
the year  
BeSALES



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