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This past Monday was the memorial of St. Aloysius Gonzaga. St. Al G, for short, was canonized by Pope Benedict XIII who also declared him the patron saint of youth. Hence the reason high schools and colleges have been named in his honor such as Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash. Notable alumni from Gonzaga (Zags for short) **include Bing Crosby, Packers' legend Tony Canadeo, and renowned dental educator Arthur A. Dugoni, president of the American Dental Association for 28 years.** While that is certainly great company, Canadeo, nicknamed the Gray Ghost of Gonzaga, is to date one of only five Packers to have their number retired. The others in this illustrious company are Don Hutson, Bart Starr, Ray Nitschke, and, can you guess the fifth?

St. Charles Borromeo gave Aloysius his First Communion and St. Robert Bellarmine was his spiritual director and confessor. It would **seem that Aloysius was directing Bellarmine's spiritual life since** Bellarmine testified that Aloysius never committed a mortal sin. It was **Bellarmino's dying request that he be buried next to Aloysius and so** they keep each other company at rest in the Church of St. Ignatius of Loyola in Rome.

Some of you remember the late bishop of Green Bay – Aloysius Wycislo. And I'd be fascinated if you knew anyone else named Aloysius. **Our Bishop Wycislo's final resting place is the same as my mother, in the chapel at the Allouez Mausoleum.** Mom never mingled in the higher **social circles so I wonder if she's honored now to be in the constant company of the bishop. Or perhaps she's a little uncomfortable.** Do they wag their bony fingers at each other across the marble room? Or do they peacefully pray in the company of the saints, in that hall of fame where innumerable numbers have been retired. Mom always liked that Reggie White.

The company you keep now and the company to come.

