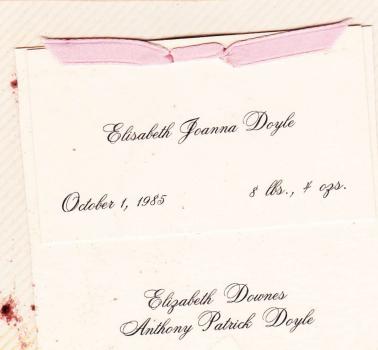
There's more of everything



Fifteen years ago the Downes family thy Ann, Mary, Joanne, Peggy, Nancy, posed for this picture. Front row: Betsy, Margaret, Catherine; second row, Doro-



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By JOANNE DENNIS

Icy roads and snow didn't stop the John Downes family from getting together for the holidays. Steeped in tradition, the Downes have kept up their Christmas ritual of Mass, a gigantic holiday dinner, a beautiful Christmas tree surrounded by presents for all eight children and their fami-

John Downes, executive director of the Rosamond Gifford Charitable organization, once wrote an article for a magazine about the joys of raising seven beautiful daughters, and one active little boy.

The magazine published the story, titled "There's More of Everything".

"That means more dishes, laundry, cleaning, ironing. But it also means more pleasure, and that's especially true at Christmas," says John, who is proud of his family.

His feelings are echoed by wife, Margaret, a former teacher, who loves having her family around her for the holi-

"We're a close family, all proud of each others' accomplishments," she comments. "When the children were growing up, we always designated Friday night as family night, and we popped corn and played games together. It was _ ctly fun time for us."