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The Papal Blessing.

The Papal Blessing, which is given on Saturday morning, at the conclusion of the Mission, carries with it a Plenary Indulgence for those who have made the Mission and received the Sacraments. It would be very foolish to neglect this important grace.

The Mission For Upperclassmen.

Father Flood will conduct this Mission, which will begin Sunday night. The suggestion is offered that those who have neglected the Sacraments during the summer take their opportunity to return to the Sacraments before the Mission starts. They will feel much more comfortable during the sermons if they feel that the missionary is talking about the other fellow. It won't seem so personal.

Prayers For Mexico.

Certain students from Mexico have requested your prayers for their unhappy land - that religion there may be restored to its former place of honor. You have probably seen that in the state of Vera Cruz, one priest is now allowed for each 100,000 inhabitants; one or two other states have similar regulations.

There is only one explanation of the situation in Mexico - it is the work of the Devil. Calles and his cohorts have human limitations; the Devil also has limitations, but his ingenuity far surpasses that of his human minions. When priests are massacred for the crime of saying Mass - not in the heat of a religious war where faction is aligned against faction - but in the midst of peace and relative prosperity, you may lay the work to the Devil.

Mexico is under the patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe - the woman whose heel crushed the head of the serpent. Since the Devil has no power against the Mother of God, he uses his devilish ingenuity to take the Mass and the Sacraments away from her followers. We at Notre Dame, who are also privileged children of Our Lady, often see the print of the cloven hoof on the campus. We should therefore have an especially tender charity for the poor afflicted Catholics in Mexico, her land to the south. Keep the request of these boys in mind - that their mothers and sisters and their fathers and brothers may again have an opportunity to practice the faith they love.

In the tabernacle of Sacred Heart Church, the two panels of the tabernacle on the main altar present an allegory of Notre Dame and Mexico. They are the work of a Mexican artist, a young lady who has a brother here in school. One panel shows a lily erect, holding in its cup the Sacred Host; the other presents a broken lily - Notre Dame and Mexico. Every time that tabernacle is opened to feed your souls, breathe a prayer for the restoration of the Church in Mexico.

Take Another Look At Your Umbrella.

There is a Lost and Found Department in the Main Building. Discover it. Many lost articles don't seem to be found, and many found articles go unclaimed. In the meantime, take another look at your umbrella. If it bears an inscription which shows that it was presented to Father Fitzsimons, you may return it to him, and not to the Lost and Found. -- And the student salesman who lost three copies of "Rockne" in St. Edward's Hall the other evening would appreciate having them - or \$2.50 apiece - returned to him. (He was selling them because he needs the money.)

PRAYERS: Sister Cassia, who was in charge of the Isolation hospital for several years past, died a few days ago. Robert and Edward Strob ask prayers for their father who is ill with pneumonia. A relative of Wm. VanRooy was killed Thursday night. A relative of John White is ill with infantile paralysis. Six special intentions.