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Why We Honor Founders.

Tomorrow isn't simply a recreation day. In Father Sorin's time the day was honored as the feast of his patron saint; today we honor both Father Sorin and St. Edward. We honor both because both have shed lustre on the name.

Both were men of vision and courage. Both saw far into the future - all the way into eternity. Both had the courage to overcome obstacles that stood in the way of their vision. Both were builders - for both time and eternity. When a man has a vision that is worth while and the courage to carry it out, he is deserving of honor.

Let the spiritual note predominate in your observance of St. Edward's Day. Receive Holy Communion at the Mass in your hall chapel at 7:30 tomorrow; give some thought to the spiritual mission of Father Sorin, who came into the Indiana wilderness with only a few hundred dollars, ninety-one years ago, and laid the plans for what you see today. Reflect on the fact that Father Sorin erected the statue on the Main Building fifty years ago this week, and on the further fact that your church, which is sixty-two years old, has been outgrown only in the last few years.

We honor founders because we still believe in ideals. Their example, in overcoming seemingly insuperable difficulties, encourages us to go on with the problems we have to face. Your parents may be making terrific sacrifices to keep you in school today; if they are, they are simply following the example of Father Sorin and his associates who built up this school on sacrifices. Bigotry, cholera, fires, war, poverty, persecution -- none of these things could stop Father Sorin, although they stopped many a school founded in his time and since. Our Founder went on - we must do the same.

The Bishop's Triduum.

The diocese of Fort Wayne is celebrating this year the diamond jubilee of its erection. The Most Reverend John F. Noll, D.D., Bishop of the diocese, asks his faithful flock to commemorate this happy event with a Triduum; the date for this is set in the South Bend district for October 13-15. During these three days, then, you are asked to remember in your Mass and Holy Communion the needs of the Bishop and the diocese; there will be a special prayer for these intentions said at the Rosary Devotions each of the three days.

Notre Dame is sixteen years older than the diocese of Fort Wayne, and it has had a prominent part in the history of the diocese, as Bishop Noll has shown in his historical sketches. Notre Dame also owes a great debt to the diocese, which has played no small part in the upbuilding of the school. We have, then, a duty to enter wholeheartedly into the spirit of this triduum, and to regard the expressed desire of the Bishop as a command.

Fundamental Thinking.

Carey Orr, famous cartoonist of the Chicago Tribune, whose picturizations of moral truth have more than once been borrowed by the Religious Bulletin, says in a recent letter:

"I am so happy to see that a great University like Notre Dame still stands for the good fundamental thinking that is so lacking in our country today. -- I was also interested to know what great work you are doing in helping the poor and starving and undernourished."

PRAYERS: Sister Marie Cecile, O.S.A., Summer School graduate of '32, is very low.