

Catholics everywhere and millions of non-Catholics admire Lourdes, though many mistake the Grotto as a place chiefly of miraculous bodily cures. This is not true.

Before all else Lourdes is a cure for souls, a spiritual Hot Springs. Whereas thousands of pilgrims visit the shrine each year, only a few report physical cures. But the number of restorations to Faith, and even conversions, is legion.

A miracle now and then is God's spectacular way of advertising the truth of His Catholic Church and the Immaculate Purity of His Blessed Mother.

At Lourdes, selfishness melts into charity. Suppliants pray for the cure of others. For themselves they ask a little more strength to carry the cross with bravery. In patience and pain they begin to see their sanctification.

Lourdes elevates suffering into meritorious penance. And this is God's will. For, when Our Lady appeared to the child Bernadette thrice she uttered the word, Penance. God and His Mother always do their share; ours is penance. Besides, we must never forget that penance purifies, makes us more like our Immaculate Queen. One day, like her, we must be perfectly pure to see God. It is written, "Nothing defiled shall enter heaven."

Pray fervently, during tomorrow's Mass and Communion, for the sick and yourselves. And be sure to visit the Grotto. PEAYERS: (deceased) friend of Bill O'Toole (Howard); friend of Al Kessing (Badin); friend of Peggy Hannagan (St. Mary's); Mrs. Mary Shea, friend of C. Paterno (Badin). Ill, Bill Castleman (Sorin); mother of Joe Gleason (Mor); uncle of C.G.Macdougald (Alumni); grandmother of Chuck Kirelawich (Cav); Sister H. Maura, friend of Fr. Boisvert, C. S. C.; Percy Elves. Hight special intentions.