

May Devotions to-
night, 7:00 & 7:30.

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Preacher will be
Father Mullahy.

Anniversary of Encyclicals.

This month there occurs the Golden Jubilee of Pope Leo XIII's great charter of labor, Rerum Novarum, On The Condition Of Labor. This month 10 years ago in commemoration of that great charter there appeared Pope Pius XI's Encyclical on Social Order. The anniversary day in each case is May 15th.

These two encyclicals have been generally recognized as documents of epoch-making importance, not mere academic statements of doctrine. Though they are that, they are more, they are clarion calls, world-wide, to practice the social justice of the Gospels, to translate into the social and economic order of our day the ideals of Christian social justice and human rights.

Social Reconstruction.

The task of applying the general principles of the natural law and Christian morality to our economic and social life will indeed be a difficult one, because our economic life for such a long time has been influenced and shaped by ideas not only foreign to, but hostile to Christianity. The economic world has become completely detached from religion as well as morality; it is secularized and even paganized to its very core. The evils of capitalism can be directly traced to this secularization.

It is becoming increasingly clear to thinking men of all creeds that social salvation can come only from a philosophy which affords a true concept of the nature of man, a right idea of the purpose of human existence, and a proper appreciation of the place of economic order in the total scheme of life. That philosophy and its general application to our modern economic and social order is contained in these momentous encyclicals of Leo XIII and Pius XI.

Memorial Mass.

To commemorate the anniversaries of these great encyclicals, there will be a Solemn High Mass celebrated in Sacred Heart Church on Thursday, May 15, at 8:00. The celebrant will be the President, Rev. J. Hugh O'Donnell, C.S.C., the sermon to be delivered by the Rev. William Bolger, C.S.C., Professor of Economics.

The Mass will be offered in gratitude for these two great guides in a pitifully needed social reconstruction and in petition for greater acceptance of Christian principles in all phases of modern life, for as Pope Pius XI said in Quadragesimo Anno: "This longed-for social reconstruction must be preceded by a profound renewal of the Christian spirit...or otherwise all our endeavors will be futile and our social edifice will be built not upon a rock, but upon shifting sand.

For Commerce and A.B. Men.

All students in the A.B. and Commerce colleges are required to attend this Mass on Thursday at 8:00, and there will be no 8:00 or 9:00 o'clock classes in these colleges.

General Confession for Seniors.

Seniors who wish to make a general confession before they leave Notre Dame should begin to think about the matter now instead of waiting until the last few crowded hours of Commencement when they may not have the opportunity they desire. The idea of a general confession with each change of a state in life is recommended by the Church; it has had a strong appeal to many seniors in the past. The best time and place is one of the late chapels in the evening 7:30 - 10:00. Ring the buzzer twice.

PRAYERS: (deceased) father of Tom Robison (Morr); father of Father Baldwin, C.S.C. Ill, sister of A. Starr (W); Ray Hoffman (Rad), oper. Five special intentions.