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Don't Tell The Girl -

- or any guest visiting for the game or Cotillion over the week-end that there is in Sacred Heart Church a little Indian girl whose throat was cut by her father, an Indian Chief, because she became a convert under the instruction of Father Sorin.

That's a good story, but not the truth. The real truth is still inspiring and awesome, though. In the Chapel immediately off The Lady Chapel there are bones of St. Severa, a girl who was brutally slain in the Roman persecutions because she kept the Faith. The little card in the Chapel relates the story.-

You know enough about and don't have to be told about the Log Chapel. It isn't true that every student comes back to be married there but it is true that the first priest ordained in America, Father Badin, is buried there. Don't try to over-awe her by nonchalantly ripping off a translation of the Latin inscription. She might see the English translation on the wall which you have read previously.

Visit The Lady Chapel too, especially when Adoration of Christ the King is in progress up to 5:00 P.M. Friday and up to 10:30 A.M. on Saturday. Genuflect, of course, on both knees as is proper always in the exposed presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

If your guest should be a non-Catholic, to make her feel at ease, introduce her at the Grotto first. That's probably where you'll all go first anyway. Tell her about Lourdes where Our Lady appeared to little Bernadette in 1858 and how miracles have been occurring ever since to this very day, miracles of physical cures that are approved by a coldly-scientific examining board.

She'll be at ease there - anyone is in the presence of their Mother and Mary's maternity isn't restricted to Catholics. She's the Mother and Queen of all the world, as Her Divine Son is its King, supreme and universal.

You really should go there to pay her homage. Long years ago, to be exact 100 years less one month and one day, Father Sorin felt that obligation to pay her homage. In a letter of 1852, he says regarding his arrival on November 26, 1842

"Nevertheless, this first arrival on the spot now called by the blessed name of Notre Dame du Lac, made on the new-comers an impression which time will never obliterate. Wearied though they were, and intensely cold as was the atmosphere, they would not retire before contemplating again and again and from every point around the lakes, the new scenery now before them. A deep and unspotted covering of snow was then spread over land and water, and forcibly brought to their minds the spotless Virgin, who seemed already to have taken possession of these premises, and to claim the homage, not alone the site itself, but also of every human soul that should ever breathe upon it."

You see homage and veneration to her, the Queen of Heaven, the Mother of men, is in the very air here. Show your guest that you are proud of her - and proud to be her son.

Keep the Faith and have a good time - they're practically synonymous - and make Our Lady proud too of her sons and daughters over the week-end.

PRAYERS: The 10 o'clock Mass Sunday is for the repose of soul of father of Fr. Gassensmith at request of ND Faculty Club. (deceased Mr. J. Morgan (Chi). 4 S. I.

