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The Holy Father - His Election - A Notre Dame Man

This day every year should be kept in memory by Notre Dame men. It is the anniversary (third) of the Election of Pope Pius XII to the throne of St. Peter. The Holy Father, when Cardinal Pacelli, visited these grounds and received a degree from the University of Our Lady, and so became an alumnus of Notre Dame, Her most illustrious. Notre Dame, Her students and alumni congratulate the Holy Father on this memorable day of his Election, and promise him a remembrance in their prayers.

II.

In taking the Throne of St. Peter to become our Leader, Pope Pius XII gives Notre Dame men an example of the virtues they should practice when they assume leadership in student life, and later in business and family life. A recent issue of America shows us the Holy Father, our Leader at work.

III.

Twice each week, three times some weeks, thousands of people are allowed to enter the Vatican to see the Holy Father. They may come in their work clothes. The Pope puts aside other duties and takes three hours of his day to meet this throng.

He goes from group to group, mingles with all. He stops to talk with his children, to listen to what they have to say. He is so gentle and kind that no one is afraid to approach him. A Monsignor accompanies the Pope, and when the Holy Father finds a person in need, he gives the name and address and the petition to the Monsignor who sends help when it is possible.

On one of these audiences a tot of three ran up to the Pope, put her hand in his and told him why she loved him (in doing so she expressed the sentiments of all around her): "I love thee because thou are another Jesus". And Pius XII replied: "I ought to be so."

IV.

Don't read further. Stop for just a second to say a short prayer for Pope Pius XII, our White Shepherd, asking Christ to bless him in his work of leading the Church and restoring the world to the Peace of Christ through Justice and Charity. . . .

V.

The Pope calls himself the "Servant of the Servants of God". This story of his visits with the working people proves it is no empty title. Imitate the Pope. Be humble. There is no more sublime office on earth than that of Successor of St. Peter. The Pope shows us that dignity should not keep us from associating with our neighbor. Never let wealth or intellectual accomplishments keep you from speaking to or helping those around you, your equals, your inferiors and those who may work for you. Try always to be a "Servant of the Servants of God". Christ was. The Pope is. "You ought to be so."

March - The Month of St. Joseph

You have every reason to pray to St. Joseph this month, his month. Every saint appointed Heavenly Patron of some group on earth has special powers before the Throne of God. The foster-father of our Blessed Lord is Patron of:

1. The Universal Church - you fit in here.
2. A happy death - one day you will die.
3. The working man - you will be one soon. Maybe you are one now.
4. All those given Joseph for baptismal or confirmation name.

PRAYERS: (Deceased) grandfather of Bro. Lawrence, C.S.C. (Ill) friend of Bill Davis (Bro); Aunt of Paul Lally (LY). Six special intentions.