

Would You Shed Your Blood For Christ?

A new pamphlet on the racks is An Outlaw of Christ. It is the story of the martyrdom of Father Pro, S.J. in the City of Mexico, November 23, 1927. Actual photographs of the martyrdom of Father Pro and his brother are given. The death of this young priest will inspire you to serve Christ better.

"It was Father Miguel Augustin Pro Juarez, S.J., the first of the innocent men who had the happiness to die. . . And as one of the jailers asked him if he forgave him, he answered: 'I not only forgive you, but I am deeply grateful to you,' and then embraced him.

"He walked with a firm step, carrying his beads in his hand, and on arriving at the spot indicated, stood and bravely faced the soldiers. One of his executioners drew near to him to ask him to make known his last wish. The Father answered, 'Allow me to pray.' The request was granted; he knelt down, took into his hands a crucifix which he carried in his pocket and kissed it with all the love of a man who gives his life for his God.

"After praying for two minutes, the Father arose and blessed his executioners, saying, 'May God have mercy on you! Lord, you know that I am innocent; I forgive my enemies from the depth of my heart.'

"They asked him if he wished to be blindfolded, but he answered, 'No'. At the word, 'Get ready!' he extended his arms in the form of a cross, and keeping his rosary in one hand and his crucifix in the other, he cried . . . 'Viva Cristo Rey!' After the fraction of a second, the command, 'Aim!' was lost in the ringing report of the single volley, Five shots lodged in the breast of the priest, who collapsed and fell gently forward to the ground. . . A sergeant gave him the coup de grace with a bullet through the head."

A Crucifix For Your Desk.

Christ does not ask you to offer your life for His sake - at least not at this moment, but He does ask you to offer up your work, your study, to him. Drop into the office of any of the Prefects of Religion for a crucifix for your desk, gratis.

On every altar there is a crucifix. Leave the crucifix on your desk and make it an altar at which you are offering your study as an act of honor to God. Glance at the crucifix before you go to work and occasionally during study, especially when you tend to surrender to sloth. Christ asks you to be a martyr to the duty of study.

The Navy Men Rise For Mass.

Last Friday morning the Lady Chapel was filled with Navy men about to leave Notre Dame. A request had come from their own group for a Mass which they could attend and together beg God to protect them in soul and body during their days in the service. It was fitting that those whose patroness is Our Lady under her title as "Star of the Sea" should kneel together in her chapel to pray with her Son. Father O'Donnell offered the Mass for their intention.

Sacrifice was involved in their attendance at this Mass. The Mass was said at 6:00. This meant that they arose nearly an hour before the bugle call. This denial will bear fruit in God's special protection.

PRAYERS: (Deceased) father of Benedict Jacob Jaskoski, O.C.; friend of Stan Pyritz (Sor); daughter of Paul Fergus, '35. (Ill) uncle of J. W. Kelly (Dil); seriously, friend of Brother Angelus; Father Tom Hanifin (seriously injured); 2 S. I.