

Tonight Max Jordan, (NBC)
dean of foreign radio
correspondents speaks . . .

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. . . in Washington Hall
at 8:00 on the war and
peace.

What Will Happen In These Days?

At this period we pass from the joy of Christmas into the austerity of the Lenten Season. But since we are not naturally interested in doing much in the field of self-sacrifice, we must get "warmed up" by following the spirit which is shown in the Sunday Masses of Septuagesima (70 days before Easter), Sexagesima (60 days) and Quinquagesima (50 days). Last Sunday was Septuagesima Sunday.

Look over the gospels of last Sunday and the next two Sundays. There is a unity of thought contained in them. They are meant to rekindle our love by giving us motives and reasons for love. Love brings with it a desire to sacrifice. These three gospels remind us of Christ's life here on earth, and of Christ-Life in our souls.

Septuagesima - we are invited by Christ to join our efforts in the work of His vineyard.

Sexagesima - shows us particularly what God wants us to do. The Church and our souls are broad fields. The Divine Sower stalks across these fields spreading rich seed which he hopes we will cultivate into abundant fruit.

Quinquagesima - This last Sunday before Lent shows us the reason for all this work. Our souls are illuminated with Christ-Life in Baptism; the brilliance of the Risen Christ shines forth from our souls; our union with Christ brings glorification to us in heaven and gives glory to God, our Father.

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We all need a fresh start from time to time. If we have been close to Jesus all this year, we still need a renewal of our ideals, a resetting of our determination to carry on with Jesus, so that the Grace of our Baptism may bear fruit. Once we have the reason or motive for sacrifice set before us, our sacrifices become reasonable. Christ died for us, then we will die for Him, so that we may live with Him as He lives with our Father and His Father in heaven.

PRAY WITH AND THROUGH CHRIST IN THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

It is indeed a time for looking forward and a time for looking back. How have things been going this past year - what does the future year hold for me? Of myself I cannot do better than I did last year, for what good I did, I was able to do only through and with Christ. Is that a fact? Yes, because Jesus is able at all times to save those who come to God through him, since he lives always to make intercession for them. (Hebrews 7:25). Here is our resolution then: I shall work with Christ beginning now even more sincerely than ever before. And I am doing this not only for myself but for all Catholics, for all Notre Dame fellow students and alumni here and for those already fighting; for the whole world!!

Christ in me!

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I in Christ!

The color of the Sunday vestments tells us we are entering upon a solemn period of penance, self-examination and purification. The sombre violet is being used now in place of the bright green of hope which has been used these past weeks. If you have been attending the eight-thirty Mass on Sunday you will have noticed that the Gregorian Chant (the Church's official music) was more sombre last Sunday, it was sung in a quiet, pensive mood. The "Gloria in excelsis Deo" is no longer sung at these Masses; there is no longer that triumphant hymn of praise, the Alleluia! Alleluia! between the Epistle and the Gospel.

THE SPIRIT OF THE LITURGY CAN BECOME THE SPIRIT OF YOUR LIFE

PRAYERS: (deceased) mother of Francis Casurella (D11); David Patrizi - killed in service. One Special Intention.

*****BUY WAR STAMPS TONIGHT FOR A CHANGE WITH YOUR CHANGE*****