

(FOR THE CATHOLIC STUDENT AT NOTRE DAME)

Don't forget:

9:00 o'clock Sun. Mass  
moved to 8:30 because of  
Solemnity.

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Adoration all day  
Sunday, from noon to  
7:00 P.M., for Pope.

The Holy Father Needs Our Prayers.

Everyone knows that our Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, is in grave danger. The war is at his very doorsteps. The Nazis have surrounded Vatican City, the small territory belonging to the Church. The Nazis hate the Church, they hate the Pope because of his demands for peace, justice and charity for every nation and individual. The words of Bishop McCarty are very true, "He hangs upon his cross in Rome, like Christ Himself, with the whole world clashing around him and upon him." The Pope's life is in danger. He is the hope of the world. Charity demands that we pray earnestly for him in this hour of need.

A Notre Dame Man.

Our Holy Father heads the list of Notre Dame's honorary alumni. On October 25, 1935 Eugenio Pacelli, the Cardinal Secretary of State to Pius XI, visited the campus. On the stage in Washington Hall he received the diploma which made him an alumnus of Our Lady's University. Four years later the Cardinal Dean announced to the crowd at St. Peter's in Rome, and to the world: "I announce to you tidings of great joy. We have a Pope. He is Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli. He will take the name Pius." Our Holy Father has sent his blessing on many occasions to Notre Dame men.

In The Very Place He Prayed.

The first act of Cardinal Pacelli when he visited the Campus was to visit the Church for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Those students who saw him kneel in prayer will never forget his reverence and recollection. And now you are asked to kneel in the same sanctuary to pray for him. This Sunday, March 12, is the fifth anniversary of the Pope's Coronation as Successor of St. Peter. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the Church from noon until 7:00 P.M. to commemorate this anniversary. A Solemn Mass at 8:30 P.M. for the welfare of the Supreme Pontiff will open this day of special prayer. Volunteer to be an official adorer in the sanctuary for one half hour period.

Daily Adoration During Lent.

The Pope needs unceasing prayer. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar in the Church during the weekdays of Lent from 11:00 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. (Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri.) Benediction at 4:30 p.m. will close the Adoration each day. Devotion for the Holy Father and for all he represents will prompt you to volunteer to be a link in this chain of unbroken prayer. Spend one half-hour period before the Blessed Sacrament in the Church for the next three weeks of Lent. When you are contacted, sign up for a period that fits in with your class schedule. If you choose, for example, the period Monday 2:00 to 2:30 P.M., it is understood that you will take this period each week for the remainder of Lent.

What To Do.

Civilian students who sign up for Adoration wear the cassock and surplice (on the hooks in the room just off the sacristy). Servicemen wear neat uniforms. Of course, no one is limited to one half-hour period. You are always free to enter the sanctuary at any time.

There is no limit to the number of intentions you may have for this Lenten Adoration. Give the Pope first place, and then have other petitions: grace to be Christ-like, blessings for your folks, the Armed Forces, the dead, your exams.

LENTEN ADORATION WILL DEMONSTRATE OUR LOYALTY TO HIS HOLINESS. ITS SUCCESS DEPENDS ON EACH ONE OF US. ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ONE HALF-HOUR PERIOD EACH WEEK.