Father McDowell preaches tonight at Lenten Devotions, 7:00 P.M.

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Form the habit of making your regular confession during the week, and not on Sunday.

An SOS From Texas.

A letter from Father Tom Curran, CSC tells about his mission down in Georgetown, Texas. After reading it, dig up those nickels and dimes you saved by not smoking or drinking or seeing movies during Lent, and send your offerings to the Prefect of Religion, 117 Dillon Hall, or leave them at his office door in an envelope.

"There are many poor people down here, and many of their children die or contract serious diseases because their parents cannot afford to pay the doctor and get the proper medicines; or the mothers are ignorant of the basic rules for good health and lack the knowledge of the simplest remedies. In some cases they are blinded by foolish superstitious ideas, like not bathing the infant or wrapping the child in so much clothing it practically smothers to death.

"I have seen them place cut-up onions and vinegar under a coffin to ward off cancer. Yet the person had died of natural causes.

"Here are some heartbreaking cases. A young girl died of burns when her clothes caught fire while she was preparing the meal for the family. She was pouring kerosene from a large container onto the fire in the woodstove. The poor mother in trying to put out the flames, and not knowing or thinking, did the worst thing she could have done. She poured water over the child, with the result that the girl died a few hours later.

"I was called out one night to baptize a week-old baby. The baby died about an hour later. Here too, this child died because the mother did not know what to do. Yet it was a common sickness among children.

'We can save many of these children by setting up a "Free Health Clinic," where the poor people can be examined by the doctor and the necessary medicines given to them; where mothers can be taught how to care properly for their children; where they can learn the value of God-given water and soap; where the children can receive shots and be immunized against the various diseases.

"The Clinic would be for all-white, Mexican and negro people, non-Catholic as well as Catholic. Local doctors will donate their services and the State Health will supply the medicines. But there are many odds and ends and equipment that we must supply."

The television set in the Huddle is being raffled off for Father Curran and his mission. Buy a few chances when you are over there.

Second Wind.

Lent is more than half over. There are only 17 days left, including Sundays. Have you discarded some of your Lenten penances? To have failed to keep your promises does not mean you must continue in failure. Pick yourself up and begin anew. Be generous—rise for daily Mass.

PRAYERS: (Ill) mother of Ed O'Malley (Dil); cousin of Louis Meèce (Far) serious operation. Jerry Quinlan, brother of Father James Quinlan, CSC. Nine Special Intentions.