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Lenten Adoration MTWTF.

U: Vicarious Missioners.

You are not Bengal missioners in the same sense former Notre Dame men are missioners ministering to the spiritual needs of pagan souls in far-off India. But the price of admission, the cost of a good movie, or one-third the fee of an afternoon tea, is a sacrifice which will go a long way in Bengal, where there is urgency now for maintaining catechists in the field, native laymen who instruct native catechumens and prepare them for the Sacraments.

Because of your generosity these catechists will be vicariously your hands, your feet, your lips teaching God's revealed truths. If you support wholeheartedly the Bengal fisticuffs, the number of native catechists will be increased and a richer harvest of souls will be readied for the saving waters of Baptism. . . all this and heaven too.

Novena For Vocations:

Begin it tomorrow. Offer your daily Mass and Communion and say a prayer to the Holy Ghost (ND Prayer Book, pg. 33) daily for 9 days for the grace to choose wisely your state in life, the grace to fulfill the duties of that state, and also for the needs of the Church. This novena begins on the feast of St. Gabriel and will be concluded on the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas.

St. Gabriel, pleasure-loving teen-ager, very much in love with life, highly talented, personable, gave gay promise of worldly success and renown. Twice he dillydallied with grace, tried to break away from the fashionable gaieties his personality enhanced. Not till he saw the statue of the Blessed Mother carried in procession, which seemed to chide him, did he make a clean cut break.

The fact that the Church is in great need of priests and religious has been pointed out to you before. Whether or not you have entertained notions of the priesthood yourself is not the sole purpose of this novena for vocations. Your prayers are importuned for two urgent reasons--namely, that God will guide you in your choice of a state in life and that He in His providence will direct more candidates to the priesthood and the religious state.

In praying for vocations to the priesthood you are imploring God to provide priests who will hear your confessions, act as mediators between you and God, distribute to you the Pledge of Immortality, witness your marriage, baptize your children, counsel you when you are in trouble, instruct your sons at Notre Dame, hurry to your deathbed to prepare you to meet your Judge, bury you with the blessings of Mother Church, offer many Masses for the repose of your soul. . . If for no other reasons than this piously selfish one, beg God that there will be, if not you, other young men willing to act on this prayer: "Grant, O Lord, that I may love Thee always; then do with me what Thou wilt." . . The Bulletin has no intention of clothing itself in regal but false meekness or of being accused of a timid mouth: Holy Cross must have more priests and brothers. If you have a spark of affection for Notre Dame and a flame of devotion for the Church, then scores of you should be seriously praying for a vocation and divine guidance. . . And may God bless us with a fair share of your priestly ambitions. . . Pray and seek advice.

