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Another Request For Prayer.

The annual Week of Prayer sponsored by the NFCCS, Overseas Service Program will be held this year in all our Catholic colleges from April 15 to 21. This special week of prayer is held annually for the Holy Father. . . You are asked to remember this particular intention in your Masses, Communion and Rosaries next week. . . While we are on this subject of prayer, it is ad rem to remind you that LIFE WITH FATHER may not be what it is cracked up to be. He has his worries--and you may be one of them. That you may not understand now; some day you will. From the moment that you are told that you are something more--that you are a father--your love for your wife will deepen. Your new-born son will be the link binding you more closely to her. If this same son in later years--in college years--by his unprayerful brush-off spurns your affection. . . then you will know what your dad went through when your relationship with him meant no more to you than that involved in MY OLD MAN.

GREATER PRAYER ON MAY 1 URGED.

An urgent appeal for wider observance of May 1--Mary's Day--as a day of prayer to the Blessed Mother for the intention of world peace and for the liberation of the millions enslaved in Communist-controlled countries has been issued at the headquarters of the Christophers.

The May first Day observance as Mary's Day began in 1947. It was initiated by Father (Christopher Keller, who today renews his appeal: "Because the need is far greater today than ever before, it is hoped that those participating this May first will be the largest number yet. . . The number of those enslaved has increased to the staggering total of 900 million helpless creatures."

Something ought to be done about this by the entire student body. Last year there was a successful turn out for public rosary, sermon and Benediction at the Grotto. Will your program for May first this year be as successful? Within the present cycle - since May first 1950 - the Korean War has been the cause of 60,000 casualties. . . and no peace in sight. LET US SUPPORT THIS CHRISTOPHER MOVEMENT.

A work such as this begun for God and Mary, no matter who started it, must be finished regardless.

"To Know The Truth. . . ."

. . . and be silent is to merit the wrath of God." St. Justin proffered that centuries ago. As a convert and a lay apostle Justin knew what he was talking about. ACTION NOW proposes this slogan as an ideal for all lay apostles. All this goes back to what the Bulletin mentioned last week about the barren fig tree. It was cursed by Christ because it did not produce the good works--the fruit--it was meant to.

A do-nothing Catholic might well say to Christ at the Particular Judgment: "Why am I being damned? I didn't do anything." That's just the point.

The Sacrament of Confirmation makes you a soldier of Jesus Christ. A soldier worthy of his salt is meant to defend and spread his faith, not only by the testimony of his virtuous life, but by what Pius XII says, "With the word, with the pen, with the press, in controversy, in polemics, in apologetics; in action, sustaining the courage of the faithful, giving aid to the confessors of the faith. . . The present time demands Catholics without fear, to whom it is a thing supremely natural to confess their faith openly in word and in deed everytime the law of God and regard for Christian honor demand it. Real men, whole men, strong and fearless.' Not men who are men by halves whom the world itself today rejects, thrusts aside and tramples upon." Meditate on St. Justin's admonition. Think it over!