

After Benediction the Mardi
Gras. . . (Don't put off con-
fession.)

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A good Lenten beginning is
half the battle, but perse-
verence is the better half.

LORD, THAT I MAY SEE-GIVE ME SENSE.

When Our Lord drew near to Jericho, the blind beggar sitting by the wayside heard the commotion, asked what it meant. Jesus of Nazareth was passing by, they said.

The poor fellow cried out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me." The vanguard tried to shut him up; but he cried out all the more. Our Lord heard that cry, asked His disciples to bring Him that man.

"What wilt thou that I do to thee?" . . . "Lord, that I may see." And he did.

Solemn Closing Tonight.

Solemn closing of Forty Hours tonight at 6:45. If John the Baptist were to preach a sermon on the Real Presence to those who are conspicuous by their Real Absence, he would point his ascetic finger or play his cards face up:

There has stood one in the midst of you, whom you know not. . . Now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that doth not yield good fruit, shall be cut down, and cast into the fire.

One of the most powerful means of overcoming spiritual blindness is to find support in prayer and meditation and daily adoration. "Lord, that I may see" is the prayer of all of us. It is useless to say, "It does me no good to pray."

This is not sound theology. Yet how true the prayers of some of us are ineffective, not because God does not hear us, but because we refuse to fulfill the conditions of prayer. The first condition: pray in His Name--with perseverance. Second: an honest desire to change our lives in accordance with what God wills us to do. We must have singleness of purpose, lay down no conditions.

If a man prays to be delivered from excessive drinking, and yet refuses to stop frequenting bars where he fogs up his senses, that fact alone is an acknowledgement that he didn't really pray. Similarly, if another man prays to be freed from impure desires--and that very day exposes himself deliberately to such pleasures through suggestive talk and lewd magazines--he cancels out the efficacy of his prayer by a reservation, as did St. Augustine before his conversion: "I want to be chaste, dear Lord, a little later on. Not now!"

It is easy to find Christ because we know where He lives--in every chapel in every hall. It is hard for the egotist to face Him in prayer, and harder still to follow Him, because following Him requires his giving up his selfish, slothful ways.

Charity, The Spirit Behind The Bengal Bouts.

The help given each year to the foreign missionaries in Bengal, India, Priests, Brothers, and Sisters from Notre Dame and St. Mary's, is an important item in sharing the faith with the Bengalese. Without your generous support of the Bengal Bouts the flourishing work there would be considerably curtailed.

SQUARE DEAL. You can now buy a reserved seat for each night for two bucks. This 5-night package deal assures you a good seat each night. Ticket sale in the dining hall. . . General admission tickets on sale Wednesday. . . The main problem each year is getting a full house for the prelims. Some of the best scraps are not always in the finals. . . Regardless whether or not you intend to go--buy a ticket anyhow. The cause is a good one--it's for the Bengal foreign missionaries. . . Give them a hand.

DISTRIBUTION TIME OF ASHES WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY RECTORS. . . OFF-CAMPUS STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES MAY BE ASHED IN DILLON CHAPEL BETWEEN 12 and 12:30 TOMORROW.