

Adoration tomorrow; for
Morrissey, Breen-Phillips
and Saint Edward halls.

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About Vocations

Tomorrow at 4:15: Holy Hour
in Sacred Heart Church, and
Mass at 5:10 in Dillon.

Someone has wisely observed that parents are most concerned about what a child is going to do in life, and less about what the child is going to be in life. What the child will do is his career. What he will be is his vocation. Does it not seem more sensible to develop the idea of vocation first, and then the career? Why? Because people hunger more for a purpose or destiny in life than for a career. That's why we must be aware that God made each of us to do a particular work; to glorify Him in a particular way; to make a particular contribution to the attainment of His purposes. A vocation is really a calling from God to do a part of God's work for the service of God's people.

Just as a person can make a mistake in adding a column of figures, so he can make a mistake in his initial judgment about a vocation. This is especially true of those who enter a seminary. It is a great mistake -- born of the modern world's anxiety for security in all things -- for young people to demand to know God's will with mathematical certainty before permitting themselves to test their religious vocation. Only when the Bishop calls a deacon forward to be ordained may one say that there is absolute certitude. Hence, any "mistake" about vocation is easily and quietly righted -- by calmly turning to the vocation of leading a zealous Catholic life in the world. Thus, the matter has been settled once and for all; and great peace of mind should follow. Of such a person Father Lord once wrote: "He is twice a hero -- once in leaving all to follow Christ down the path of religious life; and again in dropping out when God's will becomes clear. It is no failure to try, only to discover that God's will lies down another road. But it is tragic failure to feel that God may be calling, and not to have the courage to try at all."

These are the days to pray to St. Joseph in matters regarding our vocation in life.

It Won't Be Long Now

Soon you'll be winding up Lent with a new order of events in the solemn services of Holy Week. The order is not really new -- rather, it is a restoration of the original ceremonies. As an intelligent Catholic of university calibre, you'll want to, and be expected to, follow the events of Our Lord's Passion and Death from Palm Sunday to Easter devotedly and fruitfully. To do so easily and properly, get a copy of the new Holy Week Missal, as translated by the Notre Dame Liturgical Commission.

Why regard Holy Week Services so highly? The Decree itself gives the answer: "The liturgical rites of Holy Week have not only a special dignity, but a particular sacramental efficacy for the nourishment of Christian life."

The Class Chaplains have a limited number of copies available at cost - fifty cents.

Happiness

A house to clean and a man to scold,
And a warm little sleeping babe to hold.
What does a woman want more than this:
A house, and a man, and a child to kiss,
A cake to bake and a floor to sweep,
And a tired little child to sing to sleep,
And a man to welcome when work is past?
These are the things that make happiness last.

-- The Irish Digest

Tonight at 6:45: The Lenten Series - for all exempted from fast and abstinence.