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Sign Up Now

The new Notre Dame Retreat House, near the Fatima Shrine on campus, will hold a closed retreat on the weekend of December 7,8,9, for interested Notre Dame students. You are to register at the YCS office in the Student Center between 4:30 and 6:00 p.m. today through Friday. The retreat will be geared to student interests and needs. It is the first occasion that a closed retreat has been made available to students on campus.

As to expenses -- those conducting the retreat would prefer not to charge a definite amount. However, there are certain inescapable costs -- meals, maintenance, etc. Hence, students wishing to make the retreat will be required to make a minimum donation of \$10 at the YCS office when signing up. This amount will be regarded as a partial payment of the expenses incurred. The response to this first student retreat will determine the feasibility of scheduling future closed retreats. Furthermore, this venture will in no way replace the Senior Class Retreat scheduled for Mid-Lent, nor the campus-wide weekend of recollection on the same date. Up to this time we had to travel to the Trappists, or to the Franciscans, to enjoy closed retreats. Henceforth, they will be available here on campus.

About These "B" Pictures

The Bishops' Committee on Motion Pictures exhorts all Catholics to avoid completely all films placed in the National Legion of Decency's "B" classification -- which means that such pictures are morally objectionable in part for all. Why? Because this classification means that the film, short of total condemnation, can though be very damaging to souls. And that's what the rating "B" means -- short of total condemnation. Remember that the Bishops are the immediate custodians of our faith and morals, and are to be heeded when they implore us: "Only through loyalty and fidelity to the ideal of the Legion of Decency can a moral and wholesome Judaeo-Christian concept of life be realized, especially for our American youth."

Let's Use a Missal

When you attend an opera, you get a libretto in order to follow what is going on. Even so, you are there only to watch the singers, to listen to them and to the orchestra. You are not there in order to participate in the performance. You're a spectator only.

But at Mass, you are there not merely as a spectator, but as a performer. You attend the Holy Sacrifice in order to share -- in your own way as a layman -- in the offering of this act of worship. The Mass, as Pope Pius XII reminds in Mediator Dei, "necessarily and of its very nature, has always and everywhere the character of a public and social act." It is a community action. It is not only a means of giving honor to God, but also a means of helping our own spiritual life. You'll do this better if you know what's going on. And you'll know what's going on if you use a Missal.

This week, we're starting a Missal campaign -- the object being to get everyone to use a Missal at Mass. We've purchased several hundred, and intend to pass them on to you at the wholesale price (\$4.). We need volunteers to canvass each hall -- from the YCS or the Student Senate, or whoever else wants to do this apostolic work. Class chaplains will also have copies available. In fact, a Missal would make a distinctive and economical Christmas gift.

Blood Donors still in great demand. Sign up tonight with the Prefect of Religion.