

Tonight at 6:45:  
Sorrowful Mother  
Novena as usual

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Tomorrow morning: No late  
Communion facilities in  
Dillon. Mass in all hall  
chapels.

Timely Thought For Tomorrow

At the death of George Washington, an inventory was taken of his belongings. From this we learn that a picture of the Virgin Mary was hanging on a wall of his manor at Mount Vernon. And it was while Washington was President that our religious institutions were exempted from taxation. It was also during his term of office that funds were appropriated to engage chaplains for exclusively religious duties in the United States Army. And when this great American bade farewell to his countrymen he said:

"Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle..."

Historians tell us, too, that there was no room for bigotry in the soul of our first President. When some early Americans brought British prejudice here by engaging in anti-papal activities native to England, he rebuked them severely. And as commander-in-chief of our first armed forces, he issued an order condemning profanity and blasphemy among the troops. In all things he insisted on rendering to God the things that are God's.

Tomorrow is a good day to ponder these footnotes to history.

Another Timely Thought

If you go off this weekend to visit the home of a friend, look about you to discover what is being read there. Maybe you won't find anything other than picture magazines, maybe a news weekly. There will be a T-V, you can be sure. But what of worthwhile books! The importance of the query lies in the fact that good books are conversations with the finest minds in their finest moments. To read Chesterton or Belloc, for example, is to walk in the company of those great men. And great men inspire greatness. And greatness of mind is infectious because noble thoughts create a noble climate in the mind.

It's just a thought, but a provocative one for February -- Catholic Press Month. If the Catholic Press has any future at all, it should be able to look with great hope and expectancy to refined Catholic homes, and refined young university minds. Today Catholic publishers are in business primarily to guide minds and hearts along the line of Catholic truth and love. We hope they can make a living for themselves doing so. It won't be a fat living; but we hope they can survive in their apostolate.

The fact is: we have taught everyone to read; but have not taught everyone to love good reading. You may be literate, all right, but are you discriminating? There's the rub! Anyway, it will be interesting to see what you discover in the library.

Tomorrow: No Late Communion

Tomorrow is a free day. Get up and go to Mass in your own hall chapel. There will be Masses in Dillon chapel until 8:30 inclusive -- but no late distribution of Communion because there's no need for it. Tomorrow is Lent, too. Go to Mass.

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PRAYERS REQUESTED - Deceased: mother of Robert Malone, CSC; aunt of Earl Massner of Cavanaugh; father of Wm. Tattan (O-C); aunt of Tom Eisenhauer of Alumni; father of Tom Dowd, '49; grandfather of Paul Rafferty of Lyons; mother of Mike Towey of Zahm; Edward C. Smith, '01. Ill: friend of Walt Purcell, '52 (WND-TV); friend of John Kiefer of Dillon; Father Henry Geuss, CSC. 2 special intentions.