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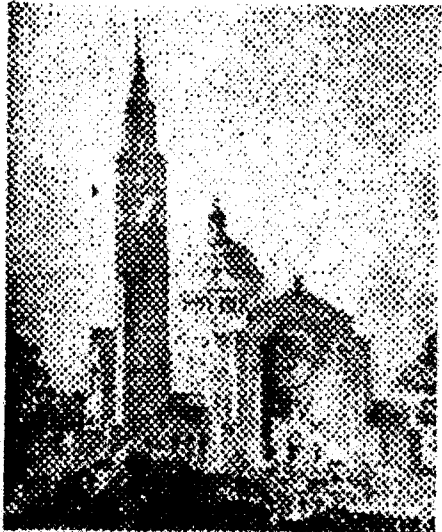
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News Section

To Dedicate National Shrine Friday



Significant Dates

1846—At the Council of Baltimore, bishops placed the United States under the patronage of the Immaculate Conception.

1912—Bishop Thomas J. Shahan, rector of Catholic University, proposed a National Shrine.

1913—Pope Pius X approved the idea.

1919—Pope Benedict XV commissioned a gift for the shrine, a mosaic reproduction of Murillo's famous painting of the Immaculate Conception. This magnificent work of art was unveiled Nov. 20, 1930.

1920—May 23. Archbishop John Bonzano, Apostolic Delegate, offered a field Mass on the site on the grounds of the Catholic U. On Sept. 23, Cardinal Gibbons laid the cornerstone.

1922-31—Construction of north crypt and the lower church.

1931-54—Due to lack of funds, the depression and World War II, work on the shrine was virtually at a standstill.

1954—After a nationwide appeal for funds, work was resumed during the Marian Year. Contracts were let for the completion of the superstructure and work has progressed steadily.

1959—Nov. 20. The dedication of the superstructure. The large upper church will be open for daily Mass and pilgrimages. However, almost all of the interior finishes and ornamentation still remain to be completed.

FIRST DONOR . . .

When the idea of building the shrine was told to Pope St. Pius X in 1914 he not only commended the plan, but also gave towards its construction. This statue adorns an outside wall of the shrine.

The day of dedication will be marked in every parish in the Nation by recitation of an "Act of Consecration to Our Blessed Mother," which is printed in the adjoining column in a handy form to be clipped and inserted in your missal.

Act of Consecration

Most Holy Trinity Our Father in Heaven, who chose Mary as the fairest of your daughters; Holy Spirit, who chose Mary as your spouse; God the Son, who chose Mary as your Mother; in union with Mary, we adore your majesty and acknowledge your supreme, eternal dominion and authority.

Most Holy Trinity, we put the United States of America into the hands of Mary Immaculate in order that she may present the Country to you. Through her we wish to thank you for the great resources of this Land and for the freedom which has been its heritage.

Through the intercession of Mary, have mercy on the Catholic Church in America. Grant us peace. Have mercy on our President and on all the officers of our Government. Grant us a fruitful economy born of justice and charity. Have mercy on capital and industry and labor.

Protect the family life of the Nation. Guard the innocence of our children. Grant the precious gift of many religious vocations. Through the intercession of our Mother, have mercy on the sick, the poor, the tempted, sinners—on all who are in need.

Mary, Immaculate Virgin, Our Mother, Patroness of our Land, we praise you and honor you and give ourselves to you. Protect us from every harm. Pray for us, that acting always to your will and the Will of your Divine Son, we may live and die pleasing to God.

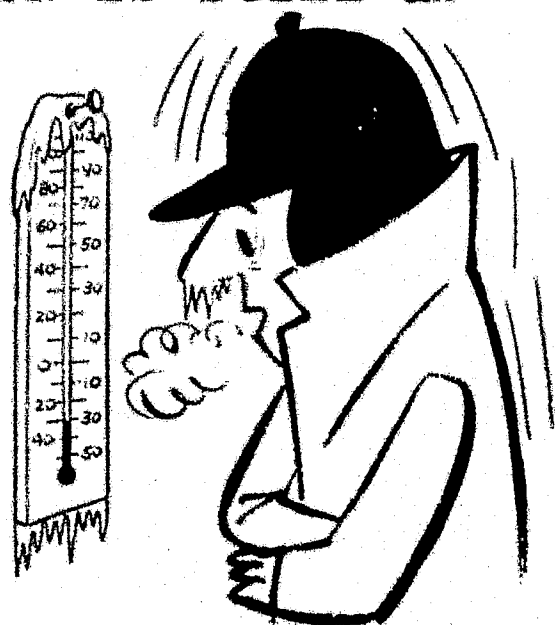
● TONIGHT...AT 5:10 IN SACRED HEART CHURCH, THE TRIDUUM IN HONOR OF OUR LADY WILL BEGIN. NO PLACE IN THE NATION SHOULD HAVE A BIGGER TURN-OUT THAN WE HAVE HERE. BE ON HAND.

● PRAYERS. Deceased: Two friends of Andy Lawlor of Badin; friend of Carl Peterson of Sorin; Connie O'Neil, ex '31. Ill: Brother of John Dailey of Lyons; sister of Tom Greene of Sorin; "Red" Burke of Pangborn; father of Jack Egan of Morrissey; mother of Fr. Edward O'Connor, C.S.C.; uncle of Jude Barry of Cavanaugh; Tom Quinn, ex '43. Four special intentions.



THE BUCKETBALL SEASON is still about two weeks away. The weatherman and the bus-drivers are in a bad mood. And it may well be that you won the bear pool and lost on an All-American card last week-end. But, just you wait. By the time you're heading out for the Thanksgiving week-end you'll have forgotten the "miseries" of the past couple of weeks. That is...if you join the crowds making the Triduum, today, tomorrow, and Friday. Our Lady will not be outdone in generosity. And when you join with Catholics across the nation on Friday, reciting the Act of Consecration to Our Lady, a new confidence is going to come over you, a confidence that you are what you should be.

And while speaking about being all you should be, and joining the rest of the faithful in America, a word of thanks is in order for your generosity on the two occasions recently when you (and your parents) contributed to collections for the Missions. One Sunday you gave in excess of eight hundred dollars. And when Fr. Askins preached on the needs of the Missions of the Holy Cross Fathers in Pakistan and Africa, you and your family and friends gave twenty nine hundred dollars. Maybe this cost you a pizza or two, but it will mean a great deal more than a treat for



the priests, brothers, and sisters who are representing you in the Mission fields across the world. I speak for them when I say, "THANKS".

FINALLY, while on the subject of taking part in communal efforts to encourage those who are representing you: how about using some of your strong language to line up and dress down the few who don't seem to appreciate the effort put forth by our mud-caked ball-players last Saturday afternoon. And how about getting yourself and your room-mate out tomorrow evening when we rally to tell them they are still our favorite football team. If charity begins at home, what say we encourage this club that gave us some satisfying Saturday nights when they played No. Carolina, Navy, and Northwestern. By giving the team the same degree of support you have given the triduum in honor of Our Lady and the laborers in the Missions, we can expect the Hawkeyes to run into about nine Mr. Touchdowns on Saturday.

Victories these next two Saturdays will make your holiday dinners all the more toothsome. But remember that you play a part in pulling these off!

Gene Boorman, c.c.
Student Chaplain