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News Section

● TOMORROW, the Church commemorates the apparitions of Our Lady to St. Bernadette in the Grotto at Lourdes. Make this an occasion for visiting the Grotto behind Sacred Heart Church and rededicating yourself to carrying out Our Lady's request for prayer, penance, and mortification. And, of course, those who are enrolled in the Confraternity of Our Lady of Lourdes may tomorrow gain a Plenary Indulgence under the usual conditions: Confession, Holy Communion, and prayers for the intention of the Holy Father.

● MARRIAGE INSTITUTE TICKETS are on sale now in all of the Senior halls. Off-Campus Seniors may purchase a ticket in the Huddle tomorrow between 8:00 and 9:30 A.M. and 1:30 and 4:00 P.M. \$1.00 covers the cost of all six talks.

● THE THIRD ORDER of St. Francis announces a few openings in its ranks. Your attention is called to the announcement on the Hall Bulletin Board. All who are interested must contact either Fr. Lochner or Rivers Patout by Saturday, February 20.



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

● THE 5:10 MASS THIS EVENING will be offered in the Crypt of Sacred Heart Church. In the Upper Church the Office for the Dead will be

chanted for Fr. Norman J. Johnson, C.S.C., who died last week in Hawaii.

● TO HELP DEEPEN OUR APPRECIATION of the Byzantine Liturgy, the monks of St. Procopius Abbey will celebrate the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom in Sacred Heart Church, Monday, February 15, at 4:15 P.M. The Mass will be celebrated in the Slavonic language. A commentator will explain the progress of the holy actions at the altar and English missals will be distributed at the door. One of the unique features of the Byzantine Mass is the distribution of Holy Communion under both species. The priest administers Holy Communion with a spoon. Those intending to receive Holy Communion at the Mass should indicate their intention on the sheet posted on the Hall Bulletin Board. This Mass will take the place of the 5:10 Mass on Monday. By beginning at 4:15, the Mass should be ended by 6:00 P.M. By becoming acquainted with the Byzantine Rite, we should become more appreciative of the Eastern rites. Our thoughts, too, may turn more often to the 150 million separated brethren of the Eastern rites who must be brought into the Catholic Church so that soon there might be but one fold and one shepherd.

● PRAYERS. Deceased: Father of Ted Nekic of Pangborn; mother of Lee Lagessie, Off-Campus; father of Franklin Stuart, '46; grandmother of Rev. Joseph Hoffman, C.S.C.; uncle of David Swire of Breen-Phillips; Mrs. P. Haldenan; John F. O'Connell, '13; grandmother of Chuck DeJan of Dillon. Ill: Grandmother of Paul Doherty of Dillon.



THE WEATHER THIS MORNING was really a "bad news" special. And it's conceivable that many of you, on looking out the window, groaned a long low groan, rolled over, and went back to sleep. But, slightly less than two thousand of you did manage to drag yourselves out-- some of you, even walking through the rain--and get to Mass. And, I know that there are many who didn't get to Mass today who will be there tomorrow. But aren't there a lot who never make it to daily Mass for months at a time? It's doubtful you'll ever have it so easy again to get to daily Mass as you have it here. When your days here have come to an end, you will probably forget the time you thought about drinking beer 'til the suds came out your ears. You will forget how much you enjoyed "Knuckles" O'Toole's rendition of the Dill Pickle Rag. You'll find it hard to recall the names of the most popular boxes in town. There is one thing you won't forget, however, and that's the way you used your talents, the way you took advantage of the opportunities afforded you here.

Why do we bring this up, today? I suppose because this might be the day that a few of you will decide to take stock of what you've been doing with your time and opportunity here. The good resolutions a great number made during exams are beginning to show signs of wear and tear. Seniors are into their

last semester, and everyone will be packing up for the summer before we realize it.

Maybe it's a good day for taking stock because tomorrow is February 11. Back in 1858, the little shepherd girl, Bernadette, hadn't anything special planned for this day. And, yet, we're still talking about what happened to her that day. It must have been sort of a day like today was. The wind was whistling through the Grotto where she was gathering wood. Suddenly, she looked up and there stood Our Lady. It was the first of eighteen appearances Our Lady was to make to Bernadette. Very soon, as we know, miracles began to occur at the place where they met--and they still occur there. Today, thousands go to the Grotto where Our Lady and Bernadette met.

Here, at our own Grotto, similar thousands have gathered through the years. And, it's safe to say, cures have been worked. Generation after generation of students have paused, looked up, found consolation, encouragement, protection there.

Not the least, I'm sure, of the graces given, has been the grace to see more clearly the place of the Mass in our lives.

Maybe you think it will take a miracle to get you to go to Mass and maybe it will. Tomorrow is a good day to hope for such a miracle.