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● CLASSES AT 4:30 on Monday, May 16, will be cancelled to permit all to attend the special convocation honoring Cardinal Agagianian. The academic procession will begin at 4:20. Lay faculty members will assemble in the Main Building. Priests and religious will assemble in the Student Center where surplices will be provided. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will follow the convocation.

● NOVENA FOR EXAMINATIONS begins on Monday! Attend Mass and receive Holy Communion daily during the nine days. The Novena prayer was printed in the Bulletin on Wednesday.

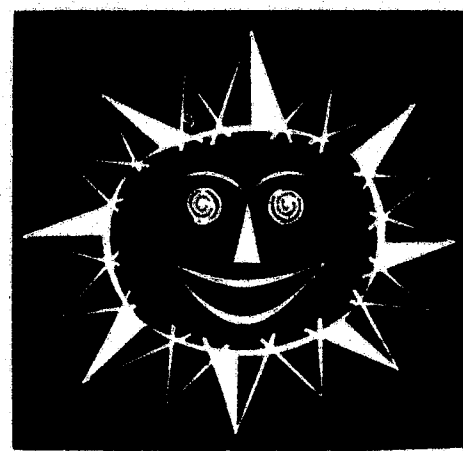
● ON MONDAY, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will end at 4:00 P.M., instead of 4:45. The residents of WALSH, STANFORD, FISHER, and ALUMNI will be responsible for keeping the Lady Chapel filled from Noon until 4:00 P.M.

● ROCK-SKIPPERS AND HAND-STANDERS will be crowding the pier this weekend in search of a few rays. More than a few will be living in a swimsuit from now until August. So let them not forget the St Vincent de Paul campaign for old clothes.

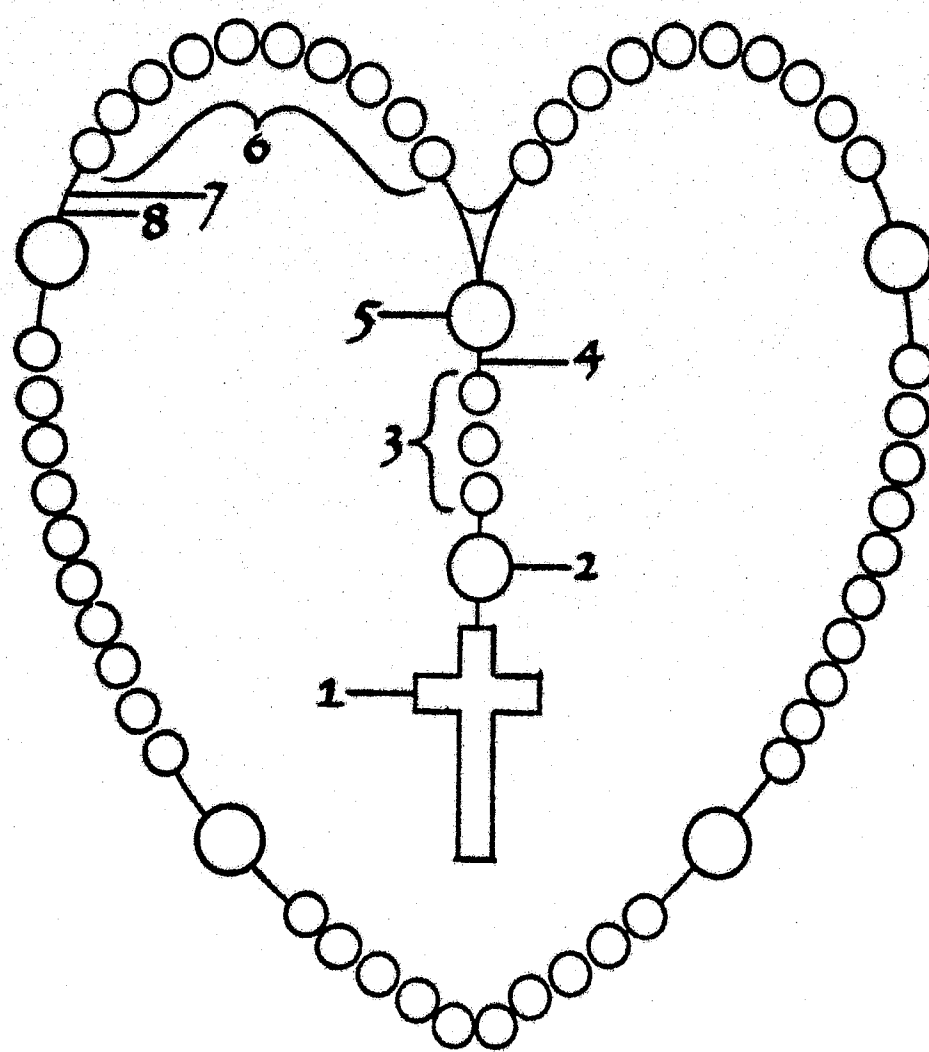
● THE NINE O'CLOCK MASS on Sunday will be the Annual Military Mass. It will be a Solemn Mass.

● PRAYERS. Deceased: E. Douglas Staples, '02; father of Sam Rizzo, '57; father of Charles Zitnik, '43; John D. Stewart, '27; grandfather of Thomas Miller of Morrissey; sister of Jim Doherty of Walsh; grandfather of Kevin Hart of St Edward's; husband of Mary Czarnecki.

● THE RETURN OF THE SUN, and the return of other sons, and the presence of the Freshmen guests and military guests are not going to interfere with the customary week-end services. So.....Devotions this evening at 6:30 in the Grotto; devotions in honor of Our Sorrowful Mother at 6:45 in the church; and tomorrow evening, Confessions from 6:00 until 8:30 in the church.



● WHAT KEEPS SO MANY FROM SAYING the Rosary daily? Could it be they don't know how to say the Rosary? If that's the reason, study the following diagram.



MANNER OF SAYING THE ROSARY

- 1 On the Cross: The Apostles' Creed [I Believe]
- 2 The Lord's Prayer [Our Father]
- 3 Three Angelical Salutations [Hail Mary]
- 4 Announce the First Mystery, then:
- 5 The Lord's Prayer
- 6 Ten Angelical Salutations
- 7 At the end of each decade: The Doxology
[Glory be to the Father]
- 8 Announce the Second Mystery, then repeat 5, 6, 7



A "status seeker" is one who desires tangible, visible symbols of his own status, the status he aspires to, or the status he fears to lose. And everyone is talking about the "status seeker". Last Sunday morning, Bishop Hallinan of the Class of '32, came up from Charleston, S.C. to talk to the Seniors at their Communion Breakfast. He entitled his remarks: "LOVE AND THE STATUS SEEKER. What he said deserves repeating.

"It takes a life-time for most of us to learn how to spell out each possibility of Our Lord's wonderful commandment: Love one another, as I have loved you.....

When I talk to college students about marriage, I get mixed reactions when I suggest that a young woman (when told by a young man, 'I love you') should in some appropriate way ask: 'Now just what do you mean by love?' I was told that there is no appropriate way to say it; you just have to find out the hard way. But most of them agreed that it was a vital question. Just what does he mean? Does he mean 'I need you'? But, he needs many things: an insurance policy, a job, a social security number. Does he mean 'I want you'? But, he wants many things, some of which he cannot have. But if he means 'My life is not complete without you. I want your happiness in God, your good in God, so intensely that I will sacrifice everything else in life to assure it', that is love. That is what the Church is blessing when you say, 'I will'. That is what Our Lord meant in the first half of that celebrated sentence: 'What God has joined together, let no man put asunder.' We have been so busy defending the second half, that we have forgotten that God does not merely forbid divorce; He sanctifies the bond itself.

It is of the nature of love to grow. But

it does not grow on symbols of status. It is not fixed in the brackets of a classified society. The status seeker is looking for the wrong thing. That is why he is unhappy. A wife is not a help-mate to getting ahead. She is a partner in love. Children are not evidences of the proper school or the proper dancing academy. They are persons whose dignity comes from their Baptism and the love of God they learn in their home and in their Catholic education. A friend is not chiefly a business contact, not a step up the ladder. A friend is one who knows you well, and because you too are a child of God, loves you anyhow. If the status seeker would only raise his eyes he would find ample room, even in what he calls the 'rat-race' of the contemporary struggle, for kindness and compassion, for all the little actions that are part of the overwhelming virtue of charity.

St. Augustine was a man who knew love in many of its forms. In his Confessions, he cried out to God: 'Too late have I loved Thee.... Thou wast with me, and I was not with Thee. But Thou hast called, and pierced my deafness. Thou hast made us for Thyself, and our heart is restless till it rest in Thee.'

This is the Christian secret, the secret that the status seekers have not found. Love is not only God's most generous gift. It is God's own life. We cannot live without it, and we cannot die without it, because we cannot live and die without God. It is time America got off the merry-go-round. The brass rings are getting too easy to grab. And they are only symbols--dollar-signs, credit cards, the right club, the right school, the right church. There is a human restlessness, and the psychiatrist is the man to see about it. But there is a divine restlessness too. It is placed in us by God, and can be satisfied only by Him."