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TONIGHT

Check your Hall bulletin board and re-read the Dean of Students' bulletin dated February 3rd, before heading for the Fielanouse tonight.....and the team's 25th victory in a row at home.

FORTY HOURS

Forty Hours Adoration begins in Sacred Heart Church at 11:00 o'clock next Sunday morning. Your hall spiritual Commissioner will come along in the next couple of days to arrange for a time when you might spend a half hour before the Blessed Sacrament.

LAY MISSIONS

Those who've been thinking about embarking on some form of lay missionary activity this year or next will want to attend a meeting scheduled for Farley Hall Rec Room, Wednesday night at 8:00 P.M. A priest from Bogota, Colombia will discuss lay missionary activity in Latin America. Attend again to the challenge laid down by Dr. Tom Dooley: "Submerge yourself in something that is greater than yourselfDon't let time or space anesthetize you.....Get beyond your campus and your continent. Listen to the voices that speak to you from all around the world. Listen to the voices of Asia. To the voices of Africa. Listen to the voices of new nations. Of old nations."

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The Knights of Columbus will hold their first meeting of the semester tonight at 8:15 in the Council chambers in Walsh Hall.

DIALOGUE

Here's more on the subject of religious dialogue. This time, some advice from Father Thurston Davis, S.J. "We aren't working at all hard enough yet about the very real obligation it (the dialogue between Catholics and non-Catholics) denotes. The dialogue at this stage is nothing more than friendly conversation back and forth, conducted in patience, charity, and understanding. It is ours to carry forward.....We can and must inform ourselves about the heritage of our faith, and then with knowledge and charity, follow the advice of Cardinal Newman: 'Oblige men to know us; persuade them; importune them; shame them.'" This ought not be interpreted as a plea for argumentation. Granted, an occasion will arise where debate is justified. But, "practical men will put first things first". And in this context, that means we must first try to see Christ living in the Church, living in us, and using us as instruments. Through us He comes into contact with others by patient teaching, love and sacrifice.

IN YOUR CHARITY

please pray for the following who are deceased: Uncle of Gene Tuite of Fisher; grandfather of Joe Balok of Zahm. And for the following who are ill: John Meyer of Stanford; sister-in-law of Rev. Owen Duffield, C.P. of Howard; father of J.T. Phillips of Badin; Mrs. Rose Lakin. One special intention.

IN THE HALF HOUR between the time the moon fades from sight and the sun rises, there's an amazing lot of activity going on across this campus. The Brothers who sort the mail at the Post office are busy tying up your outgoing valentines. The students assigned to serve in the Crypt are heading for the 6:30 Masses there. The hall maintenance men are busy shoveling snow or up on a ladder replacing burned-out light bulbs. Dining Hall workers hurry in and out of the 6:30 Mass in Dillon. Along the corridors, a couple of alarm clocks can be heard ringing until they've run down. All this and a lot more occurs in that half hour. But most of it goes unnoticed, except by a few.

THE ACTION OF GRACE in a man's soul often goes unnoticed, too. Except, perhaps, by one who knows the struggle that's been going on in that soul. And yet, grace is ever available to one and all. The sacraments are as available here as anywhere. If the powers of evil are relentless in their striving to destroy grace, we are just as relentless, we trust, in striving to preserve and increase grace in the souls of all here. In the early hours of the morning and late into the night, Penance is available to restore grace. And all through the morning and in the late afternoon, the Eucharist is available to increase it and safeguard it.

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WHAT DOES GRACE BRING US? St John says that grace is a new nature that dwells in us and raises us above our earthly condition. It brings us to a new status, that of sons of God. St Paul sees it bringing us divine help given from heaven out of mercy. He sees it bringing health to a wounded will. He sees it changing man's will, gently bringing it back to the good. St John, of course, is preoccupied with man's elevation by means of grace; St Paul is concerned with the healing power of grace. We should always keep in mind that God is pleased with us only if we are "just". The "just" one is he whose soul is in the state of grace. We learned this years ago. Unfortunately, when we speak of the state of grace there is danger that we will regard it as something static. It isn't static. Grace is a dynamic reality, a principle of intense activity. Its coming to the soul is quiet, often unnoticed. But when present it is ever at work, ever strengthening man's attempt at fulfilling his vocation.

YOU ARE FAR from being what you should be if you are ignoring God's grace. Lent is fast approaching. Let it be a time of reflecting on the life of grace in your soul.

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