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The Week in Liturgy

Thursday, April 27

St. Peter Canisius, Confessor, Doctor. Our celebration in honor of Peter, a great teacher in the Church, is an affirmation that every generation in the Church's life must have its teachers. For the Church's task is not only to preach the Word of God. It is to preach it to men, men who are creatures of their times, who have a certain vocabulary, specific interests and concerns, peculiar ways of thinking. The doctrine remains the same, but its communication, its expression

will be different. So the Liturgy, our great teacher, must adapt itself, must change with changing times. Catechisms which were useful in one generation may be less than adequate in another. As in Peter's time, the Gospel, like its hearers, is always contemporary.

Friday, April 28

St. Paul of the Cross, Confessor. Again Wisdom is equated with the preaching of the crucified and risen Savior, with the coming of the Kingdom, in the Epistle and Gospel of this Mass

of a confessor. Our liturgy celebrates a confessor of the Faith, not because he has adjusted, not because he is sunk deep in the ruts of the here and now, with no future and no vision of a future. We celebrate him because he is different, because he reveals in every word and act a purpose so clear as to stir our imaginations.

Saturday, April 29

St. Peter, Martyr. The language of the martyr, the language of witnessing with one's life, never changes, is always intelligible, communicates even to men incapable of hearing the spoken word. These are the boldest spokesmen of Easter.

LAST RETREAT

Don't put off making arrangements for the Retreat at St Joseph's Hall this week-end. It will begin at 7:00 o'clock Friday evening and continue until 2:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon. It's easy to get to St Joseph's Hall and never again will you find it so easy to make a closed retreat. Call Extension 348 or stop by 116 Dillon. Excused cuts may be had for classes missed on Saturday morning.

MOTHER'S DAY

The approach of Mother's Day, year after year, always results in an outpouring of sentiment and tender words, for a few days. But, sad to say, the concern doesn't continue for long in the minds of many. The celebration of Mother's Day, besides being a day when mothers are showered with flowers and candy, might also be the day when every man asks himself how appreciative he's been towards his mother. Is he all that a son should be? Reflect on this during the Novena for Mother's Day, and offer your Mass and Communion during the nine days beginning May 5th, offer them for your mother. During the Novena you will receive a card you may send to your Mother telling her that you have made the Novena for her intentions.

EXPOSITION

During May, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed daily in the Lady Chapel of Sacred Heart Church from Noon until Benediction at 4:45. You will be approached shortly and asked to indicate a time each week when you will make a half hour of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

IN YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for the following. Deceased: Grandfather of Dick Galaher of Stanford; Joseph Thurzo; uncle of Francis Zacherl of Cavanaugh; Dick Smith, who was here in '58 then transferred to North Texas State College where he was captain of the golf team (auto accident); grandmother of Fred Trump of St Edward's. Ill: Wife of Prof. Danehy of the Chem. Dept.; sister of Ed Kowalski, '37; Daniel Olsen; brother of Dave Cotton, '60; father of F.C. Mast of the Math Dept.; brother of John Reisert, '60.



The Timken people in Canton regard this new kind of tapered roller bearing as a wedding ring that will recement the long partnership between them and the auto industry. And in that sense it is, I suppose, a wedding ring. None of you, I dare say, would think of giving your bride-to-be such a band to signify your partnership in marriage. Yet, many's the marriage where the wedding ring grows to be as heavy and bulky as a roller bearing. Not a few of these marriages are marriages where one of the partners is not a Catholic.

Why bring this up? Simply thisagain and again, someone will come in and ask about the "wisdom" of marrying a non-Catholic girl. And just as often, we advise against it. Does this mean that there have never been any mixed marriages that were successful? No. It's our way of pointing up the fact that a successful marriage depends very much on similarity of interests, beliefs, goals, and convictions. And difference of religion endangers the necessary unity and harmony. The Church has always been very strongly opposed to the marriage of Catholics to non-Catholics because of this.

Religion, keep in mind, is a way of living. It is "the thread from which

conscience weaves its fabric of character and forms its patterns of action". It can be a source of unity or disunity in marriage. If it is not shared, then, it will nearly always be sure to divide.

Once you've left the campus, and your years here are behind you, it's possible you'll find yourself in a situation where the number of Catholic girls is small. About that time you'll start regretting that you didn't take advantage of the pre-



sent opportunity to date Catholic girls (in a recent survey, 61% of the students here who answered said they don't date St Mary's girls!)

Whether the future finds you behind the wheel of a Corvette or on a conestoga wagon, we trust the wife beside you will be a Catholic and that more than in name only. This being the case, chances are that she'll stay beside you through the years and that the ring she wears will not grow heavy on her finger.

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