

# RELIGIOUS BULLETIN

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Beginning next week, the Hall Chaplains will collect clothing for the needy abroad. It is impossible to over-estimate the value of this annual collection. Catholic Relief Services posts around the world are daily besieged with requests for clothing. In fact, many insist that our missionaries' greatest need is for clothing for the poor they are caring for. Last Sunday, your generosity towards the Missions was most gratifying. Now you are asked to do something a bit more difficult: give something you treasured but have perhaps outgrown. It could be a sweater, a suit, an overcoat, a pair of warm socks. Be sure that whatever you give will find its way to some mission outpost, there to provide new hope and warmth for one who would otherwise have neither.

## GETHSEMANI

From Friday, November 24th to Sunday, November 26th, students and faculty members may make a Closed Retreat at the Trappist Abbey of Gethsemani, Bardstown, Ky. Arrangements are being made by the YCS, and reservations can be had by contacting Mike Curran, 330 Dillon Hall, Extension 632. This Retreat falls during the Thanksgiving holidays, and should therefore have a good attendance.

## RETREATS

During the rest of the year, Closed Retreats will be offered at St Joseph Hall right here on campus. Anyone may join up for these, although it would be better for all if a group from a particular hall would make a retreat together. Each week, twenty five can be accommodated there. Retreats begin on Friday evening at 7:00 P.M. and conclude after Benediction on Sunday afternoon. The customary offering is five dollars per man. Cancelled cuts for Saturdays classes are given to those who make the retreat. The dates for these retreats are as follows:

Dec. 1-3

Dec. 8-10

Dec. 15-17

Jan. 5-7

Jan. 12-14.

Feb. 2-4

Feb. 9-11 (Cavanaugh Hall)

Feb. 16-18

Feb. 23-25

Mar. 9-11

Mar. 16-18

Mar. 23-25


Mar. 30-Apr. 1

Apr. 6-8

Apr. 13-15

## IN YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for the following. Deceased: Rev. Leo Morin, C.S.C. Ill: Wife of Michael Dodd, '60; William Flynn, '49; Rev. John Keefe, C.S.C.; mother of Sr. Evelyn Catherine, O.P.; Rev. Mr. Edwin McMahan, S.J.; Edwin F. McMahan; Jon Prusmack of Zahm; Francis Jacobberger. One Special Intention.



## THE "YOU JUST CAN'T WIN" CLUB

They're saying that the latest candidate for the "You Just Can't Win" Club is the Texas NROTC student who in presenting his weapon to be inspected by the University's honored guest struck the guest on the forehead. Several stitches were required in the guest's head. And incidentally, the head belonged to Secretary of the Navy Connolly.

I'm sometimes inclined to think, though, that I, more than most, earn membership in this club because of my inability to convert some around here from using language that would match the vocabulary of a crew of oil well drillers. Perhaps this isn't the best week-end to bring this up. Maybe the chief offenders are nestled in some snug harbor along Smithfield street in Pittsburgh. (If you know this to be true, then save this for the party concerned.)

I'm sure you understand why it's so disturbing to see so little improvement on this count. Any expression that is insulting to God is a serious violation of the Second Commandment. Granted, it's a common failing. Yet, this familiarity doesn't render it any less objectionable. What causes these sins of the tongue? Usually they're due to quickness of temper, anger, or passion. What is required then is some control on the violence of one's temper. Or when tempers start to flare, button up that lip! Count to ten! And when a blasphemy escapes, impose a penance.

Akin to blasphemy is the sin of cursing. And no one needs to be told that this too is a very general fault. What does need to be pointed out, however, is that this is an expression in which one wishes evil either to himself or someone else. It means calling upon God to do harm to oneself or others. It's true, some "cursing" doesn't square with this definition. For instance, if one damns the bounce of a ball, he isn't really cursing although he may sin by using God's name vainly or by losing his temper. Like blasphemy, cursing, when it's wilful, is a serious offense. Around here, it can also be a cause of scandal.

The stevedore, the trucker, the driller, and the cabbie may have a woefully weak vocabulary, and consequently color the air with this sort of talk. But you're the educated element of society! And one and all can expect to be held accountable. So let's have some improvement on this count. I'd gladly forfeit my claim to membership in the "You Just Can't Win" Club.

*Glenn Boorman, ecc.*  
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