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St. Joseph

Tomorrow is the Feast of St. Joseph under the title "Patron of the Universal Church." One of the best known prayers to St. Joseph gives the basis for this title: "...as of old thou didst deliver the Child Jesus from supreme peril of life, so now defend the Holy Church of God from the snares of her enemies and from all adversity."

More popularly, St. Joseph is invoked for other favors. Because he died in the arms of Jesus and Mary, he is invoked as the patron of a happy death.

Because he was selected to be the spouse of the Virgin Mother of God, he is invoked as the model of purity. True husband, yet guardian and respecter of Mary's virginity, his chastity was heroic.

Also because he was Mary's spouse, he was the foster-father of Jesus and head of the Holy Family. Hence he is in a special way the patron of heads of families.

Because he was an artisan, a carpenter by trade, he supported the Holy Family by the labor of his hands and the sweat of his brow. Hence he is the model and protector of laborers. Only recently the new Feast of St. Joseph the Workman was placed in the calendar of the Church, set for May 1, to offset Communist May Day in its appeal to workers.

Tomorrow at 8:30 there will be a Solemn Mass in Sacred Heart Church to honor St. Joseph. As the special patron of the Brothers, he is one of the principal patrons of the Congregation of Holy Cross. Students are invited to join the members of the Congregation in honoring St. Joseph.

Bishop Pursley has granted a dispensation from Lenten fast and abstinence for tomorrow, the Feast of St. Joseph.

Bengal Bouts

Tonight at 8:00 the 32nd Annual Bengal Bouts begin. Each year about mid-March (Is the proximity to St. Patrick's Day mere coincidence?) some of the Fighting Irish put on the gloves and demonstrate the art of self-defense under the lights in the Fieldhouse. Trophies and jackets go to the winners; profits aid the work of Archbishop Graner in East Pakistan (formerly Bengal) and Bishop McCauley in Uganda. The first bouts take place tonight; the semi-finalists enter the ring on Wednesday night, March 20; and the champs will be crowned on Friday evening, March 22.



Blessed Neumann Tomorrow the second American in two days will be beatified. He is John Nepomucene Neumann, C.S.S.R., fourth Bishop of Philadelphia (1852-1860). Unlike Blessed Elizabeth Ann Seton beatified only two days before, Blessed John Neumann was not a native American but came to this country from Bohemia to work with immigrants to Pennsylvania. But he achieved sanctity by laboring for God on American soil. With sanctity it isn't the "where" that is important, but the "how". It is worthy of note here at Notre Dame that our own Cardinal O'Hara was a successor of Blessed Neumann in Philadelphia, and the dates they occupied the see correspond exactly, a century apart: Blessed Neumann, 1852-1860; Cardinal O'Hara, enthroned January 9, 1952, died August 28, 1960.

Kung Lecture Tickets for the Father Hans Kung lecture on March 25 will be available tonight and tomorrow night in the dining halls. The tickets are free, but if you expect to go -- and you can't afford to miss the opportunity to hear so prominent a modern theologian -- you are asked to pick up a ticket so that the committee can tell how much space will be left for outsiders who are clamoring for admittance.

Blood Donors It's been a while since we have asked for blood donors. Our account is in need of a few deposits, and Lent is an appropriate time to remind you of this form of true Christian charity. Plan to donate a pint of blood between now and Easter. You can make arrangements at the Chaplain's office in Dillon, Room 116.

Moreau Retreat Students planning to make the March 29-31 retreat at Moreau Seminary are reminded to get their reservations in as soon as possible. On rather short notice twenty-three students made the retreat this past weekend. There should be no difficulty in filling the quota of forty for the next one. For reservations write: Retreat Reservations, P.O. Box 124, Notre Dame. Enclose a \$2.00 deposit. Cost of the weekend is \$5.00.

In Your Charity Please pray for the following. Deceased: Father Walter O'Donnell, C.S.C. (died yesterday afternoon, Holy Cross House, after a long and painful illness); father of Peter Stahl of Dillon; mother of Sister Emilene, O.S.B., of Notre Dame Convent; father of William Aho of South Bend; father-in-law of R. D. Willimen (Developmental Reading Program); Archibald G. Graham, Jr., '37.

No 5:10 Tuesday Because of Office for the Dead for Father O'Donnell tomorrow afternoon, there will be no 5:10 Mass in Sacred Heart Church. Masses at 5:10 will be in Keenan-Stanford, Dillon, Alumni, Morrissey and Fisher Halls. Funeral for Father O'Donnell at 8:30 Wednesday.