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ASCENSION THURSDAY -- MEMORIAL LIBRARY DEDICATION DAY

At 10:00 a.m. on Ascension Thursday, his Eminence, Eugene Cardinal Tisserant, Dean of the Sacred College of Cardinals, will celebrate a Solemn Pontifical Mass and read a message from Pope Paul VI on the occasion of the dedication of the Memorial Library.

His Eminence, Gregory Cardinal Meyer, Archbishop of Chicago, will deliver the sermon at the Mass.

At 9:45, before the Mass, the eleven-story mural will be officially unveiled.

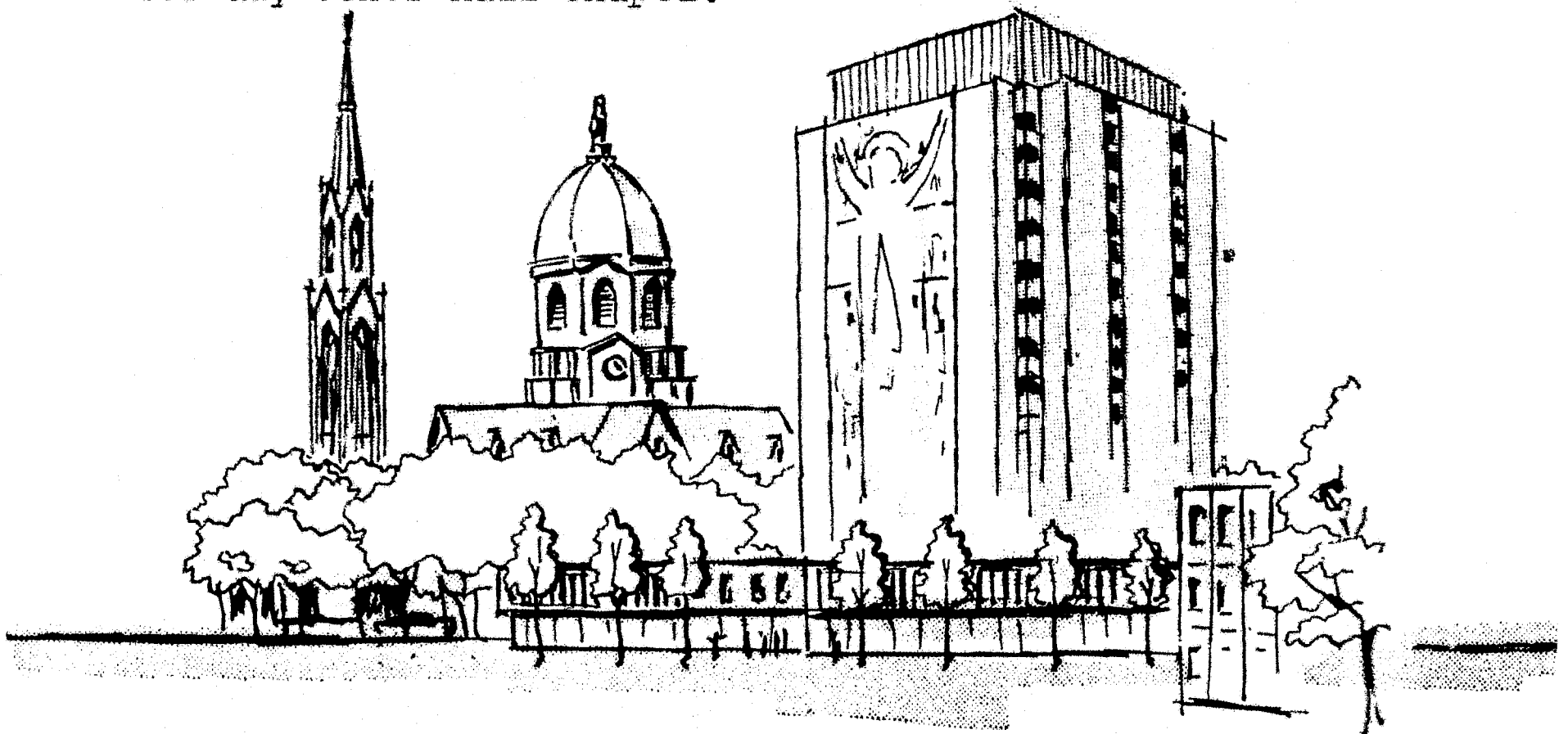
Following the afternoon (2:00 p.m.) academic convocation at which twenty-five religious leaders and educators will be awarded honorary degrees, his Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Ritter, Archbishop of St. Louis, will bless the library.

The Mass and the convocation will take place at the main entrance to the library, facing the mall.

-- Schedule of Masses in Sacred Heart Church --

7:15 -- 8:30 -- 11:30 -- 12:30 -- 5:10

No Masses are scheduled for Keenan-Stanford Chapel or for any other hall chapel.



Reflections for a Notre Dame Man

Notre Dame means Our Lady.

Hence, a Notre Dame man is Our Lady's man.

To be a Notre Dame man and not love Our Lady is a contradiction.

True love demands outward expression.

The true love of a Notre Dame man for Our Lady has always found expression at the Grotto.

During May, the month of Our Lady, this love has always been expressed by corporate veneration -- group hymns and prayers.

This year Marian devotions during May consist in a hymn, the consecration to Our Lady, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Show your love for Notre Dame by attending May devotions at the Grotto Monday through Friday at 6:30 p.m.

SENIORS -- it's time to start thinking about a general confession.

A general confession is made for one of two reasons: either out of devotion or because a confession in the past has been sacrilegious. In recommending a general confession to the seniors we are thinking in terms of the confession of devotion. This type of general confession is generally made at the turning points of one's life. A postulant makes such a confession before entering a novitiate; a novice before making profession of vows of religion; a deacon before ordination to the priesthood; an engaged couple before their wedding. Graduation is another of the milestones of life when one should look backward before he moves ahead.

In a general confession of devotion the sins confessed have already been forgiven, but by bringing them together into one confession the penitent is more likely to see general tendencies, is more likely to get to the root of his failures. Sensuality isn't the root problem, for instance; it's laziness, the person discovers. Uncharitableness or a critical spirit basically is pride. Sins of speech -- lying, profanity, blasphemy, obscenity -- may be seen as due fundamentally to a sense of insecurity.

It's not too soon for seniors to be thinking about a general confession. From now on the pace of activities gains momentum. Plan to make a general confession soon, but give yourself plenty of time; and give the confessor plenty of time so that he can help you. Don't attempt to make a general confession during Sunday Mass. The sooner you make your general confession, the richer and the more satisfying will be your final weeks at Notre Dame.

Bible Vigil

In preparation for the Ascension, a Bible Vigil will be conducted by Father Lengermann at 7:00 p.m. in Walsh Hall Chapel on Wednesday, May 6.

The service will consist in bible readings, reflections, and prayers appropriate to the Ascension. It will last less than half an hour. Everyone is invited.

MARY, MOTHER OF HEAD AND MEMBERS...

In Christ, we never dissociate the God-Man from the Head of the Mystical Body. At one and the same time, he is Son of God and Son of Mary, the Head of redeemed mankind for whom as Man he stands. Mary, likewise, because she is the Mother of Jesus Christ, the Christ of history, is also the Mother of the Mystical Body...

...There was a time when the doctrine of the Mystical Body was somewhat shelved or neglected, and thus cut off from its roots devotion to our Lady felt the effects, so that there

was a danger of its becoming sickly and sentimental. By making us share in his own attitude towards his Mother, our Lord extends his filial love for her to us who are his members. He never ceases to express this love through his brethren who have become Mary's children, so that we need have no fear that what we give to Mary is taken from him. What we give to her comes from him and, on the other hand, when we are of one mind with him we are responding to that very movement of his love for his Mother...

from Mary the Mother of God
by Leon Joseph Cardinal Suenens

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IN YOUR CHARITY please pray for the following: Deceased -- grandmother of Bob Kennedy of Fisher; uncle of Ralph Martin, Off-Campus; friend of Richard Pisano of Breen-Phillips; Bridget Quigley; Brian Richardson; mother of Tom Ziegler, '39; John F. Tracey, '43; John J. Rourke, '24; Joseph M. Cattalani, '50; wife of Ambrose C. "Buzz" Moran, '48; Floyd O. Jellison, '13; father of John F. Manion, '56; William "Bud" Kerr, '39. Ill -- father of Ken Arnold of Dillon; mother of William Miles of Dillon; Henry Barnhart, '23; father-in-law of J. W. Mullen, Jr., '19; aunt of Bruce W. Kramer, '63.

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MOTHER'S DAY Novena Cards are now available. Hall chaplains are distributing them. There is also a supply in the Pamphlet Room in Dillon Hall.

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CONFESSIONS on Wednesday, the vigil of the Ascension, will be the same as on Saturday in Sacred Heart Church: 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. (during the 5:10 Mass) and from 6:45 until 8:30 p.m.

Fresh from the Pad.....

EACH DAWN I DIE

How would you feel if each morning as you awoke to a fresh, new day your goal was: "I don't want to die"? You would be aimless and apathetic. You would be defeated. And what is more, you wouldn't even get out of bed. Each new day must be really creative. You have things to do, challenges to meet, opportunities for growth, and new experiences to assimilate. All these things are vital and dynamic because you are at the core of the activity. You are alive and it's satisfying.

That life is vital, dynamic, and constantly developing is obvious. But when it comes to the Christian life, how many of us, consciously or unconsciously, have the avoidance of death as our one and only goal: "I don't want to commit a mortal sin"? The whole basis of our living the Christian life is the fear of death! How absurd! The Christian life is a genuine living process. It has the same inner dynamics as natural life. It must grow, develop, mature and become strong. It takes effort to live. To surrender to death takes none.

The day we no longer care about growing and developing physically we are in real trouble. If we aren't constantly nourished and if we don't get physical exercise, our bodies become weak, flabby, and terribly vulnerable. Every germ, virus, and disease knocks us off our pins. Growth and development demand nourishment and exercise. The same is true of our Christian life. We must constantly be nourished with the very life of Christ (in the sacraments and prayer), and we must get plenty of Christian exercise -- in the manly practice of honesty, truthfulness, courage, obedience, purity, fidelity, justice, faith, hope, and above all, honest-to-God charity -- love of one another. This takes personal effort. This is satisfying. This is being a live Christian.

If our main objective in pursuing the Christian life is the avoidance of death and sin, it is no wonder we die so often. Such motivation wouldn't move a snail. This death attitude offers nothing vital, challenging or dynamic. Many of us have this oppressive perspective. We surrender to death instead of putting forth the effort it takes to live. The Christian life for us has nothing to do with vital activity. It is a sterile set of regulations and formalities which we put on or take off with the ease of a loose jacket. It is something apart from the center of our inner selves. But the Christian life isn't a superficial quality that can be painted on like Man-tan. It is a life. It's a life that must stab deeply into the flesh and blood package that is ourselves.

It's really no mystery why so many of us are apathetic Christians. It can't be otherwise as long as our aim is merely to avoid death.

--Father Baker, C.S.C.

P.S. Anyone who doubts that clothes make the man doesn't go to the beach.