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THE ROSARY AND THE LITURGY

Last Friday's RELIGIOUS BULLETIN, in setting forth fact as opposed to fiction about the origin of the Rosary, had no intention of minimizing devotion to the Rosary. Too offset any such impression, the BULLETIN today commemorates the Feast of the Most Holy Rosary (tomorrow, October 7) by presenting excerpts from an article on Rosary devotion and its place in the age of ecumenism and Vatican II.

The fruitful participation in the mysteries of our faith [encouraged and demanded by the Constitution on the Liturgy] will depend on how our faith is nourished. This nourishing will be done by the Liturgy itself in the Fore-Mass, soon to be in English, and through the homily. Moreover, it must also be done as the Constitution directs through personal private prayer, personal devotion, meditation and contemplation. During October, therefore, the month of the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin, we emphasize the value of this traditional private devotion in helping us appreciate better the Paschal Mystery. When we remember that the preaching of the apostles was on the life of Christ, His passion, death, and resurrection, we understand what an excellent way we have of impressing the mysteries of our Lord on our minds and hearts in the devout, loving praying of the rosary.....

The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy calls for participation by all, each according to his role in the Sacred Rites. Prior to any active participation must be the internal participation of a living faith. Saint Paul could summarize the life of Christ as the coming of the Son of God into the world, emptying Himself, taking the form of a slave and becoming obedient for us unto death, even the death of the cross. In the five joys and the five sorrows of the rosary, we learn the way in which we are to let the mind of Christ be in us.....

Saint Paul, however, was not content to preach Christ and Christ crucified, but he emphasized Christ risen from the dead... [subject matter for the meditations in the five glorious mysteries]

Truly, the rosary is intimately linked with the Sacred Liturgy. Speaking of Mary's place in the Liturgical year, the Council Reform of the Liturgy declares: "Holy Mother Church honors with special love the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, who is joined by inseparable

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A new feature of the RELIGIOUS BULLETIN this year, at least as long as the Third Session of Vatican II continues, will be this column by Father Langdon, the new Assistant University Chaplain who replaced Father Baker. Father Langdon's competence to write on matters pertaining to the Council is brought out in this first article.

If this little bit of news were to be date-lined "Eternal City", I would be guilty of fraudulent reporting, at least as far as regular news reports go... but from another point of view I might be justified since the recollections and impressions I'd like to share with you are of spaces and times that remain ever-present for me and, I'm sure, for all those who had a chance to take part in the same experience.

The Anglican Bishop Robinson, in his much-batted-back-and-forth book Honest to God says that if only it were possible, he would like to see the word "god" set aside for a generation or so until we could manage to clear the air of many of the false uses or concepts that are connected with it. I'm inclined to share his "if only it could be so" wish and would include other words too: Council, Church, bishop, theologian, and then some more! During my years of study in Rome and particularly while I worked as a stenographer during the first session of the Council the realities indicated by the above words took on a new and wonderful dimension for me -- that of personalness. I might say that what had been "things known" and "facts understood" became "men to comprehend"... persons with terribly real problems that found expression in the soft tones that reveal a very human heart, fatigued and burdened by a life's dedication to a task of overwhelming magnitude; persons whose hope and whose love for those in their care had sustained a warmth and humor that buoyed up whoever came in contact with them; persons with morning coffee in one hand and roll in the other who listened attentively to the "parish life" of the man speaking -- a life of Christians who lived half-way around the world, who speak a language he had never even heard of, Christians 100 per cent of another color, of another form of society and customs, for whom "black is white", black the color for festive solemnities, white for mourning; persons who spoke of nourishing a twenty-year-old Christianity with others who were faced with the problem of re-building a 2000 year-old one. There were men there who carried "the purple" with dignity and simplicity; others who twirled any piece of cloth or chain that hung from their necks and who, for a change of pace would at times turn to picking apart their lace sleeves. Thinkers were there, seekers of truth with their eyes turned upon the past, the present and the future, driven by the vision of what they saw... and often their coffee would grow cold as they shared their treasure with others.

And then, of course, there was the man who had started the whole thing, Pope John, who so fully characterized the humanness of it all. "The idea of a Council," he said, "didn't mature within me

like the fruit of a prolonged meditation; it was more like the sudden flowering of an undreamed of springtime." And once the thought was out, he replied to a prelate who had told him that a Council in 1963 would be an absolute impossibility, "Well, then, we shall have it in 1962." ...And he did!

So very human is the stuff which the earthly presence of the divine Christic Spirit of Love is made of. The mystery of Christ risen and present in the world -- we in Him and He in us... God's loving call to faith in His Beloved Son remains essentially the same today as it was when He walked the earth, before He died to justify and rose to make holy. You've read a lot, no doubt, about the Council -- I hope to bring you a little deeper insight into the human beauty and pathos that underlies what too soon for too many become detached "doctrinal statements" of "the Church."

More to come...

--Father Langdon, C.S.C.

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ROSARY AND LITURGY (continued from the front page)

bonds to the saving works of her Son. In her the Church extolls and admires the most excellent fruits of the Redemption, and joyfully contemplates as in a faultless image that which she desires and hopes wholly to be.".....

About a decade ago many dioceses were blessed with a great crusade to establish the devotion of the family rosary. In ten short years many changes have taken place in the Church. We have heard it mistakenly asserted that now that we have the full participation in the Sacred Liturgy, the rosary should be abandoned. This is certainly not the mind of the Church, nor is it the mind of the Liturgical Constitution. Certainly it is not the mind of the bishops. As fathers in Christ, they would like all to renew the pledge of fidelity to praying at the rosary and, if possible, the family rosary. What is true of the Liturgy is true of prayers said in common by members of the Church: "Where there are two or three gathered together in my name," said our Lord, "there am I in the midst of you." But whether the rosary is prayed privately or in common, it is a devotion which will certainly prove most beneficial in helping all participate with perfect interior devotion in the celebration of the Pascal Mysteries in the public worship of the Church, the Sacred Liturgy.

by the Most Rev. Charles H. Helmsing, D.D.
Bishop of Kansas City-Saint Joseph
in Our Sunday Visitor (Oct. 4, 1964)

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Mr. William Jacobs, author, lecturer, and managing editor of Ave Maria magazine, will speak on "The Relevance of Franciscanism to the Contemporary College Student" tonight, Tuesday, in 1-E, the Blue and Gold Room of the Student Center at 8:00 p.m. The Third Order of St. Francis invites everyone.

CONFESSORS assigned to Sacred Heart Church throughout the week and to Stanford-Keenan Chapel on Sunday are listed here to help you choose a regular confessor. Hall chaplains hear daily, according to a posted schedule, in the hall chapels. In Stanford-Keenan, the buzzer will be answered by Father Langdon and in Dillon by Father Teske.

Sacred Heart Church: (Monday through Saturday)

<u>Main Door, East</u>	<u>Main Door, West</u>	<u>Sacristy Door</u>	<u>Memorial Door</u>
11:15 Fr. Langdon a.m.	Fr. Broestl		
4:45 Fr. Langdon p.m.	Fr. Jones (MT) Fr. Buckley (WTh) Fr. Garvin (FS)	Fr. Teske	Fr. Austgen (MT) Fr. Heppen (WTh) Fr. Kuhns (FS)
6:45 Fr. Wallen(MT) p.m. Fr. Whelan (WThF)			

(Saturday evening only)

6:45 Fr. Scheberle	Fr. Teske	Fr. Roche	Fr. Burrell
7:30 Fr. T. McAvoy	Fr. Dupuis	Fr. Crumley	Fr. Sherrer

(Sundays and Holy Days)

7:15			Fr. Hund
8:15 Fr. Keller	Fr. Wendel	Fr. Fitzgerald	Fr. Eichorn
9:30 Fr. Walter	Fr. Poorman	Fr. Hager	Fr. Kramer
10:45 Fr. Shea	Fr. Dupuis	Fr. B. McAvoy	Fr. Kramer
12:00 Fr. Wilson	Fr. Dupuis	Fr. Schwan	Fr. Watzke

Stanford-Keenan Chapel (Sundays and Holy Days)

8:15 Fr. Riehle	9:30 Fr. Riehle	10:45 Fr. Weiher	12:00 Fr. Neidhart
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IN YOUR CHARITY please pray for the following: Deceased -- James E. Shea, '33, father of Kevin, '63; Harry E. Scott, '17; Brother Mark Siedler, C.S.C.; Bernard L. Epstien, '27; Pat Singleton, University employee; Walter Przybysz; father of Paul S. Dorweiler, Jr., '61; Frank Ryan; father of Kurt Simon, '35; father of David A. Martin, '53; father of William D. Morency, '59; grandfather of Peter R. Kesling of Pangborn; mother of Father Archibald McDowell, C.S.C.; John Calkins; friend of Stephen T. Barry, '60; brother of Father George Pellegrin, C.S.C.; Mrs. Margaret Lenney; father of Fathers Leonard and James Banas, C.S.C.; mother of Francis A. Dunn, '35; father of Arthur W. Cheney, '59; Mrs. Peter Masterson; Jill Masterson; Brother Cornelius Poszka, C.S.C.; Brother Ferdinand Moser, C.S.C.; Father Philip Krembs; brother of Fathers Ray and Ed Massart, C.S.C.; Carleton J. Hayes; Ignatius Hamel, former faculty member; father of Joseph A. Neufeld, '44. Ill -- mother of Father Rolland Stair, C.S.C.; mother of Bill McMurtrie, '60; father of Thomas P. Ryan, '61. Special Intentions -- of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Weiner and four other special intentions.