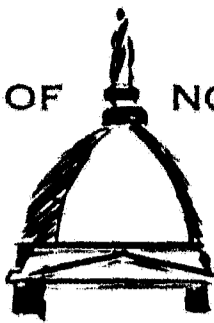


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TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 1965REV. LLOYD W. TESKE, C.S.C.,
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Dear Students:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the Bernini Altar of The Lady Chapel in Sacred Heart Church is a tradition at least as old as national football at Notre Dame. In recent years the times of exposition have been the afternoons of First Fridays, of Mondays through Fridays throughout Lent, and of Mondays through Fridays throughout May.

In recent years it has become more and more difficult to enlist sufficient student adorers to ensure proper respect for the Blessed Sacrament which when exposed should never be left unattended. Only the devotion of the Sisters, Brothers and priests have adequately sustained the adoration.

Admittedly, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is not the focal point of Christian spirituality in our age in which emphasis is placed on liturgical worship as an outlet for the communal character of the Christian life, and on the Divine life within each baptized Christian as the source of motivation. Yet, the liturgy does emphasize the mediation of Christ, our Brother, human and Divine. As this personal, human and Divine mediator, He remains on our altars as an extension of His Presence in liturgical worship. There should be place in our spiritual life for unceasing intercession with our Divine Mediator, a place for the personal relationship, the heart to heart talk, with Christ, our Brother.

To ensure continuation of this worthwhile tradition during May of this year, I am asking that you commit yourself to one half hour period of adoration each week. On page three of this Bulletin is a form on which you may check the day of the week and the half hour during the afternoon when you will represent Notre Dame in the Divine Presence exposed on the altar of The Lady Chapel. Drop the slip into the envelope provided in the bulletin board area of your hall. A card will be sent each week to remind you of your half hour period of adoration.

Sound familiar? It should. It is substantially the same letter as the one delivered to each student before Lent. It worked so well to make Lenten adoration the best in years that it merits being tried to produce a like effect for adoration during May.

Solemn Requiem Mass

for

MICHAEL J. DONAHUE

Thursday, 5:10 p.m.

Sacred Heart Church

Sincerely yours,

Lloyd W. Teske, C.S.C.(Rev.) Lloyd W. Teske, C.S.C.
University Chaplain

RENEWAL BEGINS WITH SELF "If anyone wants to have the Church changed," says Fr. Karl Rahner in Theology for Renewal*, recently translated into English, "he must make himself the starting-point of renewal. For the critic himself is part of what the Church is suffering from. Usually his own life is not much of a recommendation for Christianity."

"If you are an intellectual," he says, "you only know Christianity as your faith if you have made the acquaintance of the great minds in the history of Christendom: an Augustine, an Aquinas, a Francis of Assisi, a Pascal, a Newman, and many others." A person who would pass judgment on Christianity, its history, its value, without becoming acquainted with its great thinkers and writers, cannot be called a truly knowledgeable man.

Today there are many people, in Rahner's opinion, who break with the Church because some priest or other gets on their nerves. This, he says, is like the man who betrays his country because its Tax Department sends him rude letters.

According to Rahner, it is possible for a person to cast off his religion. It is possible for a person to arrive by practice at ignoring God, but to do this a person has to manage to look past the mystery, which grows greater, not less, the more it is studied.

As long as a person is young, he says, there is the danger he will overrate some single sphere of knowledge, as, for example, some science. When one gets older, however, he perceives that science is not out to decipher the ultimate riddles of existence.

*Sheed and Ward, 1964, \$4

If one does overrate a particular science, there is always danger he will get stuck at the stage of youthful cocksure arrogance in the conviction that this one science is all-sufficient to a person, and turn into an infantile old man. "There are still people like this about today, in whom intelligent young people can study the danger of failing to outgrow early stupidities."

"It is really only now," Fr. Rahner thinks, "that Christianity is beginning to have its true opportunity on this earth. For what Christianity, as the religion of all man, has always been looking for -- one single world with one united history -- is only now beginning to exist. And only now that machines are doing his work for him is man going to have time to get his head and heart free for God and his service. Only now is the riddle of the world deciphered to such a degree, and man himself disillusioned to such a point, that he is no longer liable to confuse the world with God. The world is now yearning for some new kind of consecration." We have reached a stage, in any case, he says, where nations will either perish in a frenzy of mutual destruction, or else continue their life by drawing on the strength of those men alone who know what they are meant to be doing in this world.

In the Liturgical Spirit.....

A CHANCE TO GROW UP IN CHRIST

A psychiatrist friend of ours once made an informal survey to find out Catholics' motives for going to Sunday Mass. He stood by the door of his suburban parish church after Mass one Sunday morning and asked his acquaintances as they emerged, "Why did you come to Mass?" The great majority said, "Because we have to; it's the law of the Church." A few said, "Because it makes me feel good." And one of these turned on our friend and asked, "Why do you come to Mass?" He answered, rather timidly, "Well, to worship God." And the other man exclaimed, "Tom, you are one in a million!"

This incident shows very clearly one of the reasons why a renewal is needed in our worship. If most Catholics consider the weekly participation in the central act of their religion as primarily the fulfillment of an obligation, or a way to "feel good," then something is wrong. For these are childish motives, not those of mature persons. Children can't appreciate the real reasons for doing many of the things they should do. They have to be forced to do them by definite laws and fear of the consequences of disobedience, or coaxed to do them by tangible rewards. Are we too immature religiously to understand the real reasons for going to Mass?

What are these reasons? The Constitution on the Liturgy says, "To praise God in the midst of His Church, to take part in the sacrifice, and to eat the Lord's supper." Again, in more detail, to "be instructed by God's word and nourished at the table of the

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For my half hour period of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar of the Lady Chapel, I have selected: (Check one day and a half hour period.)

MONDAY _____	12:05-12:35 _____
	12:35- 1:05 _____
TUESDAY _____	1:05- 1:35 _____
	1:35- 2:05 _____
WEDNESDAY _____	2:05- 2:35 _____
	2:35- 3:05 _____
THURSDAY _____	3:05- 3:35 _____
	3:35- 4:05 _____
FRIDAY _____	4:05- 4:35 _____

(Periods begin five minutes after the hour and half hour so that the Blessed Sacrament will not be left unattended during class change time.)

Name _____ Hall _____
Room No. _____

TOMORROW (Wednesday)

at 5:10 p.m.

in each hall chapel

and in Sacred Heart Church

A MASS for FATHER HESBURGH

preceding the Testimonial Dinner

and with it

expressing appreciation

to a great educator,

administrator,

and priest.

GROWING IN CHRIST (con't. from page three)

Lord's body; to give thanks to God; by offering the immaculate victim ... to learn to offer themselves; through Christ the Mediator; to be drawn day by day into ever more perfect union with God and with each other, so that finally God may be all in all." In short, to worship God as only Christians can do.

All of us are certainly capable of understanding what it is we go to Mass to do. Even a child can realize something of what it is to praise God, to learn from Him, to offer Him a gift, to be close to Him and to other people in love ... But one great difficulty has been that what we ac-

tually did at Mass didn't seem very much like praising and offering. Simply kneeling or sitting in silence, for instance, hardly seems like praising God in the midst of His Church. Silently thronging up to the Communion rail doesn't seem in the least like eating a supper.

The present changes in the way we take part in the Mass are, then, in the direction of helping us to realize what we are meant to be doing at Mass and to do it -- not as disembodied souls, but as whole human persons and members of a community. Singing hymns, saying prayers of praise out loud, sitting down to hear God's Word, exchanging greetings with the celebrant and saying Amen to the prayers he offers in our name -- all these actions express our part in the various phases of the Mass and so help us to understand it and take it.

And the future changes in the way Mass is celebrated will help still more. As the Constitution says, "Both texts and rites are to be drawn up so that they express more clearly the holy things which they signify; the Christian people, so far as possible, should be enabled to understand with ease and to take part in them fully, actively, and as befits a community."

It is surely Good News, then, that the Church is now giving us a fresh opportunity to become mature Christians. If we welcome it and use it, we may hope that a future survey of why Catholics go to Sunday Mass will show that we have "put aside childish things" and "grown up in Christ."

--Mary Perkins Ryan in the Catholic Messenger

IN YOUR CHARITY please pray for Brother Vincent Will, C.S.C., teacher in St. Edward's High School in Cleveland, who died last Wednesday at the age of 35.