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ROSARY and HYMNS

at the Grotto during May

Monday through Friday at 6:45

NO CHRIST WITHOUT MARY

For every Catholic May suggests Mary. We grew up in our Catholicism singing during the month of May, "'Tis the month of our Mother."

Today there are some Catholics who, in what they consider to be the spirit of ecumenism, ignore or minimize the place of Mary in the life of the Church. They consider Mary a stumbling block to Christian unity. But this is a false ecumenism. The price of unity cannot be compromise in doctrine. The exalted place that Mary occupies in Christian life was reserved for her by her Divine Son. And there are many Protestant theologians ready to admit this.

Dr. Charles Foelsch, Lutheran pastor of Christ the King church, New York, admitted some time ago that "We Protestants have neglected Mary shamefully ... shutting her out of our hearts and thanksgivings, this Mother of our Blessed Lord."

Another Protestant, Max Thurian, in his book, Mary, Mother of All Christians, points out that the "anti-Marian Protestant polemic," is a comparatively recent develop-

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ment. It was not so from the beginning of the Reformation and need not be so any longer, according to Thurian. Throughout his volume there are such quotations as these: "Mary's glorious privilege in being the mother of His only Son"; "she is called Blessed because she opened the way for God to accomplish His work"; "Mary is the mother of Jesus and the mother of us all"; "we are the children of Mary"; "she is the eternal dwelling place of the Holy Spirit and she remains perpetually holy, the Blessed Mother for eternity." Many Protestants, and some modern Catholics, might consider these as examples of the unrestrained enthusiasm that has made Mary a stumbling block to unity. They are taken from the mature writings of John Calvin and Martin Luther.

Mindful that all modern Protestants are not so willing to accept Mary's role in the Christian life and doctrine as are Dr. Foelsch and Max Thurian, the Council Fathers of Vatican II are very cautious in their statements about Mary in the chapter on the Blessed Virgin in the Constitution on the Church. "Wherefore she is hailed," the Constitution states, "as a pre-eminent and singular member of the Church, and as its type and excellent exemplar in faith and charity. The Catholic Church, taught by the Holy Spirit, honors her with filial affection and piety as a most beloved mother." The last phrase, "as a most beloved mother," was adopted deliberately in order to steer clear of the more controversial title, "Mother of the Church." Pope Paul, however, at the conclusion of the Third Session of Vatican II courageously give Mary the very title which the Council had avoided.

Further on in the chapter, in dealing with the cult of the Blessed Virgin, the Constitution lays a solid foundation for Marian devotions. "Placed by the grace of God, as God's mother, next to her Son, and exalted above all angels and men, Mary intervened in the mysteries of Christ and is justly honored under the title of mother of God, under whose protection the faithful took refuge in all their dangers and necessities. ...This most sacred Council deliberately teaches this Catholic doctrine and at the same time admonishes all the sons of the Church that the cult, especially the liturgical cult, of the blessed virgin, be generously fostered, and the practices and exercises of piety, recommended by the magisterium of the Church toward her in the course of centuries be made of great moment, and those decrees, which have been given on previous occasions regarding the cult of images of Christ, the blessed virgin, and the saints, be religiously observed." The document only warns "theologians and preachers of the divine Word to abstain from all false exaggerations..."

If we need further assurance of the secure position that Mary occupies in the Church today, we have the words of Pope Paul given to an audience only last fall. "Mary is, after Christ and by virtue of Christ, at the summit of the economy of salvation. She precedes and surpasses the priesthood. By comparison with it she is on

a superior plane of excellence and a different plane of efficiency. While the priesthood at its supreme level possesses the keys of the kingdom of Heaven, Our Lady is herself Queen of Heaven, and therefore, as regards the hierarchy, Queen of the Apostles."

In the practical order of devotions we have the recent statement of Father Godfrey Diekmann, O.S.B., a leader in the liturgical movement in this country, that there is place for such a devotion as the Rosary in the liturgical renewal.

In the light of all this, there is no reason for devotion to Mary lagging at Notre Dame. Notre Dame, in fact, should change its name when devotion to Mary ceases to be a vital force in the lives of Notre Dame students.

Since the Grotto has traditionally been the center of Marian devotion on the campus, the traditional devotions to Our Lady will be held at the Grotto throughout the month of May. Monday through Friday at 6:45 the Rosary will be recited and hymns sung at the Grotto. (In case of bad weather the services will move to the Lady Chapel of Sacred Heart Church.) Each night one hall especially will represent the student body at the Grotto. Members of other halls -- and off-campus students, too -- are, of course, welcome every night.

On Monday night, May 3, to inaugurate the May devotions, there will be a short sermon and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament instead of the Rosary. Tuesday night, May 4, will be Alumni Hall night at the Grotto for the Rosary. Dates for the other halls will be published in future Bulletins.

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. \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER'S DAY AND MARY

*For Mother's Day*



Whether by chance or by design, the holiday honoring mothers falls on the second Sunday of the month during which Christians honor Mary, their spiritual mother. For Christians, the very thought of motherhood draws their attention to Mary who because she is Mother of Christ, the God-Man, is also mother of all men who are members of her Son in the Mystical Body.

Almost instinctively, therefore, in preparing a Mother's Day gift, we go through Mary who as the perfect Mother knows what best and perfect gift to present in our name to our earthly mothers.

The Novena for Mother's Day begins tomorrow, May 1, and it will end on Mother's Day itself. Special Notre Dame Mother's Day cards will be ready for distribution next Tuesday.

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THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER is observed tomorrow, May 1. In establishing the feast just five years ago, Pope John XXIII had this to say: "By offering St. Joseph as an example to all men whose lives are conditioned by the laws of work, the Church intends to remind them of their great dignity, and to invite them to make their activity a potent means of personal sanctification and eternal merit. ... The true dignity of man is not measured by the glitter of great achievements, but by his interior disposition of order and good-will."

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GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY, the second Sunday after Easter, this year May 2, has been designated by our Holy Father as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. All the Masses in Sacred Heart Church and in Keenan-Stanford Chapel next Sunday will be offered for that intention.

Also, in observance of the day at 1:30 p.m. WNDU-TV (Channel 16) will present a thirty minute program titled Challenge for Today. Two Notre Dame students will inquire about the vocation of Teaching Brothers and two Brothers will answer and explain.