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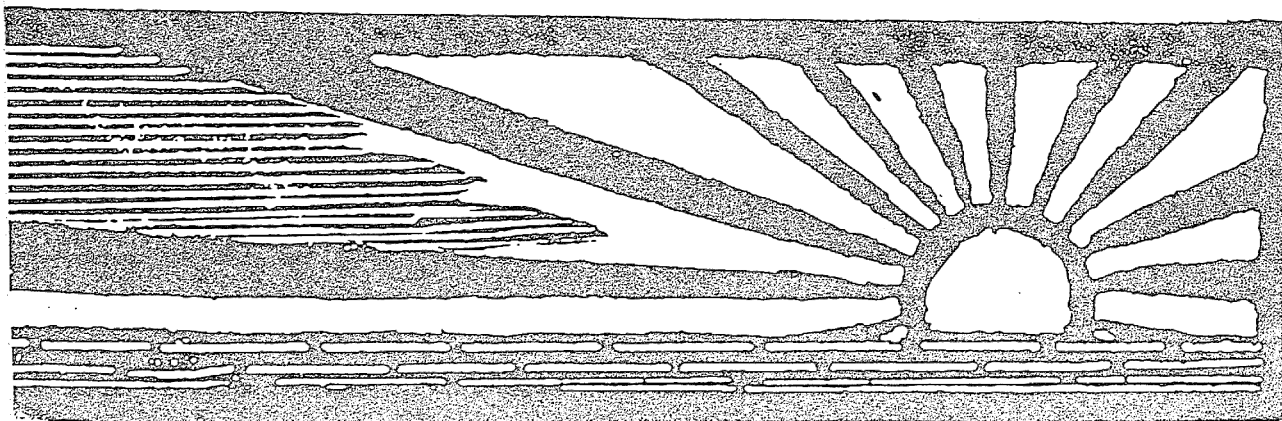


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My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.



Anniversary of Martyrdom

December 2nd is the fifth anniversary of the martyrdom of four American women missionaries in El Salvador. The deaths of Jean Donovan, Sr. Dorothy Kazel, Sr. Maura Clark and Sister Ita Ford were the out come of Christian lives lived to the fullest. Their witness of justice, of care for the poor, of a total dedication in faith to God's presence in our world has touched the lives of people throughout the United States.

God has raised these witnesses in our midst. He calls us to the same discipleship --one that will not be understood by the powerful of

our day. Sr. Melinda Roper President of the Maryknoll Sisters commented thus on the anniversary of the women's deaths: "We must be wise as serpents in naming and denouncing the evil which pervades our world. We must be filled with compassion with those for whom suffering from the lack of necessities has become a way of life. We must be moved into action which will clearly identify us with the poor...we must not fear. Let us rather be filled with courage and hope, for:"In the tender compassion of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet in the way of peace."



*Maura Clarke,
Maryknoll missionary,
assassinated December 2, 1980*

"The endurance of the poor and their faith through this terrible pain is constantly pulling me to a deeper faith response. My fear of death is being challenged constantly as children and old people are being shot, some cut up with machetes and bodies thrown by the road...I want to stay on now. I believe that God is present in His seeming absence."



*Ita Ford,
Maryknoll missionary,
assassinated December 2, 1980*

....I stood looking down at a sixteen year old who had been killed a few hours earlier. I know a lot of kids even younger who are dead. This is a terrible time... The reasons why so many people are being killed are quite complicated -yet there are a few simple strands. One is that many people have found a meaning to live, sacrifice, and even die. And for them life had a purpose...some things hold true wherever one is-and whatever age. What I'm saying is I hope you come to find that which gives life a deep meaning for you. Something worth living for-maybe even dying for-something that energizes you, enthuses you and enables you to keep moving ahead.



*Jean Donovan,
lay missionary,
assassinated December 2, 1980*

I think that the hardship one endures maybe is God's way of taking you out into the desert to prepare you to meet and love Him more fully.



*Dorothy Kazel,
Ursuline missionary,
assassinated December 2, 1980*

You cannot understand how hard it is for one to be practical who hopes for tenderness behind every face...Others can be impersonal but not one who believes that he is on an eminently personal adventure...Others can be sensible, but not one who knows in his heart how few things really matter. Others can be sober and restrained but not one who is mad with the loveliness of life, and almost blind with its beauty.

...we have a sense of waiting, hoping, and yearning for a complete realization of the Kingdom, yet we know it will come because we can celebrate Him here right now.

Several times I have decided to leave El Salvador. I almost could except for the children, the poor, bruised victims of this insanity. Who would care for them? Whose heart could be so staunch as to favor the reasonable thing in a sea of their tears and loneliness? Not mine, dear friend, not mine.

El Salvador is such a beautiful country. Where else would you find roses blooming in December?



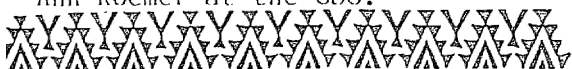
First Sunday of Advent

Watchful expectancy is the mood of Advent—a time when the deepening winter darkness turns, almost imperceptibly, toward the slow lengthening light that nourishes the new light of spring. It is a time when, today, the Christian community longs for the reign of God to overcome the weariness, oppression, and sin that surround and suffuse its life. Advent is the time in the Christian year when the community watches, still expectantly, for the light of the star, the sign of a new birth, and the new experience of God's presence and power in human affairs.

On December 8th a Campus-wide collection will take place for the victims of the Columbia volcano.



All are invited to attend a Puerto Rican lunch at the Center for Social Concerns on Friday, Dec. 6 from 11:30-1:30. Proceeds will be sent to Centro San Francisco where victims of the recent hurricane are being provided clothing and food. Five N.D. alumni are presently working in this project. A post-graduate position is available in Puerto Rico next year those interested should contact Mary Ann Roemer at the CSC.

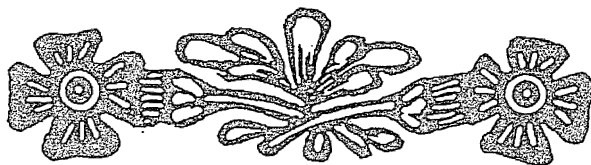


Feast of the Immaculate Conception
December Eighth

Vigil Celebration *Friday 5:00 pm*

Presider: Fr. Robert Griffin, C.S.C.
Music provided by Notre Dame Glee Club.

Feastday *Saturday 11:30 am*



A prayer service commemorating the Fifth Anniversary of the martyrdom of the four American missionaries in El Salvador will take place at 7:00p.m. on December 2nd, at the entrance to the Center for Social Concerns.

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