

WED FEB 23: "O God, put a steadfast spirit with me." Ps 51

Practice:

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THURS FEB 24: "Always treat others as you would like them to treat you; that is the meaning of the law and the prophets." Mt 7

Practice:

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FRI FEB 25: "Go first and be reconciled with your brothers and sisters." Mt. 5

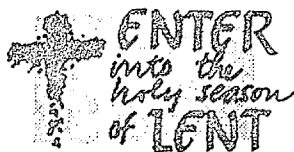
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SAT FEB 26: "But I say this to you love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." Mt 5

Practice:

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# The Dismas Story is Open to YOU!

Tim Dempsey, DH resident

Thirteen years ago an unshelved dream of the now deceased Rev. Jack Hickey, O.P. was seeded in the minds of a handful of concerned students from Vanderbilt University in Nashville. Today that dream has been stretched into one of the most successful stories of courage and compassion I have come to know. The DISMAS HOUSE of Michiana is part of this success story. On paper we seem to be simply one of a small network of half-way houses for former prisoners; however, the philosophy from which this Dismas Story has been written is a peculiar notion of integration--here former prisoners come to live with college students. Mysteriously a family is born.

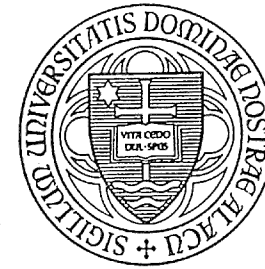
"The Dismas Story sends us back to all the stories of forgiveness that have been told," said Fr. Hickey from his hospital bed. Coming together by opening ourselves up to being understood and by noticing that, although each of us has a very different history, we have crossed paths for a moment--a moment offering us a chance to be alike, a time to form a friendship and an opportunity to understand one another.

Through the particularly intense involvement I have had at Dismas (an involvement from which I sometimes try to escape, yet an involvement which I am incapable of extinguishing even temporarily), I have come to view the buzz of society through a different and more focused lens. I can try more successfully now to stand outside my personal world and witness the activity around me in a much less numbed fashion. The more fully I come to understand what seems to be my opposite, the less I can distinguish the two--our stories, in fact, are absurdly similar.

The treasure of experiences the DH has given me is a gift to be handed on. I can only be a member of its family for a moment; yet, that moment will live in me forever. It is time now to offer you a chance to be a part of a similar moment at Dismas House.

We are presently accepting applications for students interested in living as a member of the Dismas family next year. If you are interested, contact Kathy Royer(7862) at CSC. Applications must be received by Feb 29 and can be picked up during office hours at the CSC.

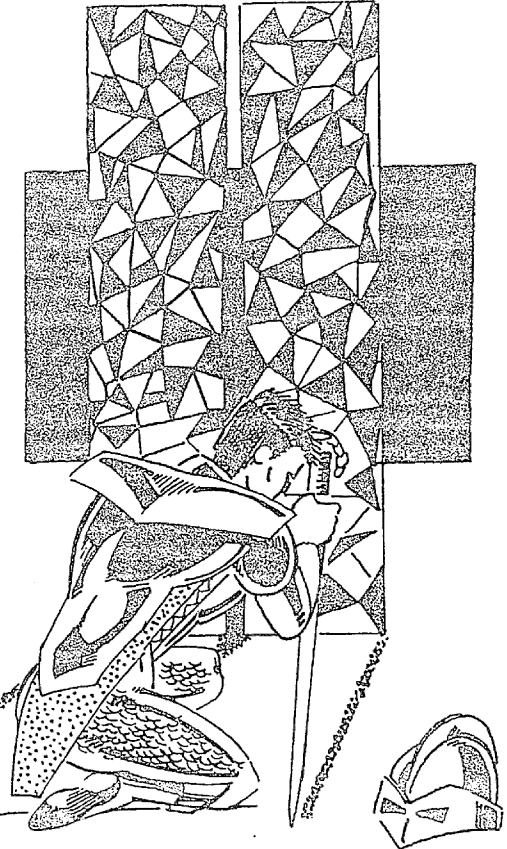
"FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD...I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME...IN PRISON AND YOU CAME TO VISIT ME...I ASSURE YOU, AS OFTEN AS YOU DID IT FOR THE LEAST OF MY BROTHERS... mt.



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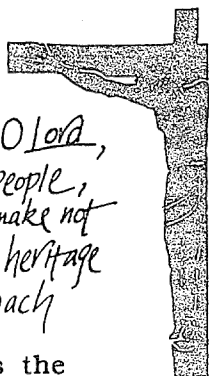
That which I should do  
I do not often enough.  
That which I should not do,  
I do constantly.

# RECONCILIATION

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PENANCE  
CONFESSION

Save, O Lord,  
Your people,  
and make not  
Your heritage  
a reproach



The climax of the season of Lent is the renewal of our baptismal vows at the Easter Vigil and at the celebrations of the Eucharist on Easter. The six weeks of Lent are an opportunity to ready ourselves for that great renewal. During this time the whole Church reflects on the meaning of those vows and how we can live in accord with them. Necessarily this requires that, as individuals and as a community, we examine the ways in which we have been unfaithful to our baptismal commitments and attempt once again to search out the roots of that infidelity in the depths of our hearts. Lent is then a time of CONVERSION, a time for turning our lives around, an opportunity to turn back to the life into which we were introduced at Baptism. The result of such a conversion is reconciliation with God, with one another, with our past and with the future to which we have been called. And this, of course, raises the question of the Sacrament of Reconciliation as an expression of conversion.

Sometimes we speak of Sacraments of vocation, a term by which Marriage and Holy Orders are usually intended. But the ancient Church knew that Baptism too was a vocational sacrament. One of the early Fathers of the Church, Tertullian, described Christians as being like fish in that they cannot live out of water. He meant outside the context of Baptism Christians have no life. Baptism is therefore a life-long process, constantly growing, constantly being renewed and reaffirmed. I think that Reconciliation must also be understood as a sacrament of vocation: all of us are called to a life-long conversion.

CONVERSION IS NOT A ONCE-FOR-ALL-AND-FOREVER EVENT. Again and again we are converted, literally turned around, to God. Sometimes the conversion moment is so striking that we cannot fail to note the event; more often the conversion proceeds by less noticed acts of love and self-giving whose significance we may not attend to at the time. This on-going conversion needs to be celebrated again and again in the course of our lives. AND THESE CELEBRATIONS ARE THE SACRMENT OF RECONCILIATION. Indeed, just as baptism is celebrated once in a lifetime but is in fact as life-long event, so I suggest that Reconciliation may best be understood as a life-long vocation which is celebrated many times throughout our lives. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate who and what we are: A PEOPLE WHO INDIVIDUALLY AND COMMUNALLY ARE IN PROCESS OF CONVERSION.

...Fr. Michael Himes, ND Theology

RECONCILIATION 2 NEXT WEEK

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7-8:30 PM  
Keenan-Stanford Chapel

NATURAL FAMILY  
PLANNING

INFORMATION NIGHT

Mon Feb 22, 7:30 pm

220 Hayes-Hoey

Featuring guest speaker, MERCEDES WILSON, Executive director of the Family of the Americas Foundation.

What Catholics  
Should Know  
About...

SACRAMENTS

FR. BOB KENNEDY

FEB 28 & MAR 1  
SUN & TUES

ALL WELCOME  
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LENT '88  
DAY BY DAY

Daily scripture quote & practice  
3 minute daily reflection  
recommended

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SUN FEB 21: "The time has come," he said " and the Kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News."

Practice:

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MON FEB 22: "He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness, no evil would I fear." Psalm 23

Practice:

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TUES FEB 22: "Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be holy, your Kingdom come, your will be done." Mt 6

Practice:

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