

WED MAR 2: "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?" They replied, "We can." "Very Well," he said, "you shall drink my cup..." Mt.

PRACTICE:

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THURS MAR 3: "...He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eye for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness..."
Jer.

Practice....

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FRI MAR 4: "I TELL YOU, THEN, THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD WILL BE TAKEN FROM YOU AND GIVEN TO A PEOPLE WHO WILL PRODUCE ITS FRUIT." MT.

PRACTICE:

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SAT MAR 5: "ONCE MORE HAVE PITY ON US, TRED DOWN OUR FAULTS, TO THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA THROW ALL OUR SINS." MICAH.

PRACTICE:

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LENTEN-BOX

WHY NOT BOX IN YOUR LENTEN PRACTICE and place this box some place to remind you?

R.C.I.A.

Last week, the Christian Community here at Notre Dame called:

DAVID COX
SUSAN STICKLEY
JIM ADRIAN

to the Easter sacraments in the "Rite of Enrollment."

We also welcome the following candidates for full communion in the Catholic Church:

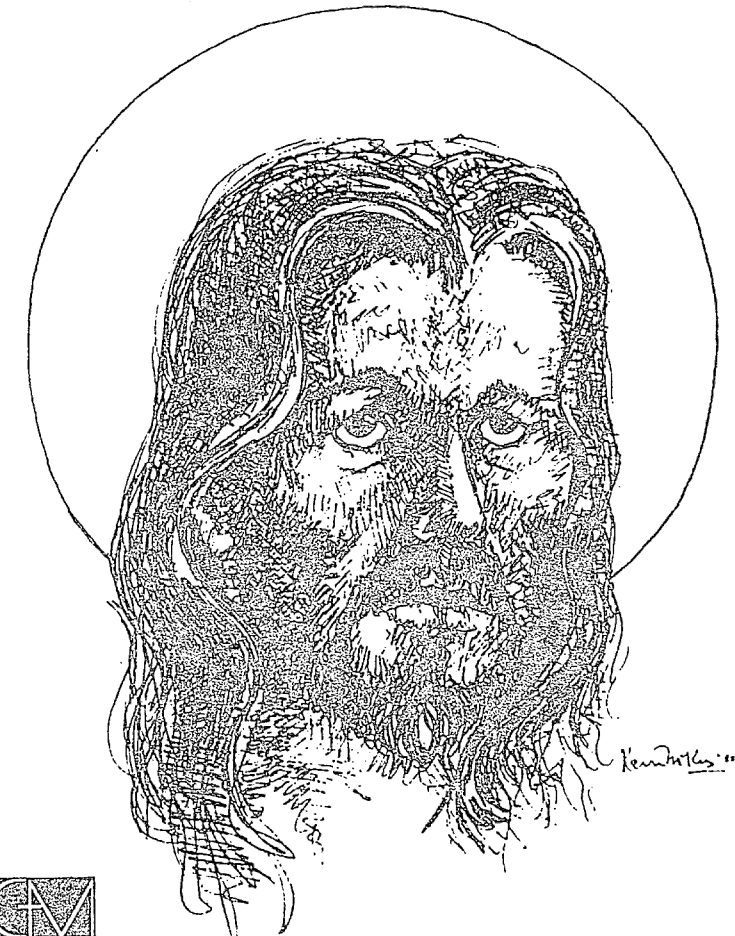
WILSON WALTER, JILL LOCEY, JEFF SMART, BILL SPENCER, CHRIS DORVAULT, TIM MORRIS, JOHN REDGRAVE, MELANIE WITT, AND ROBERT CALLOWAY.

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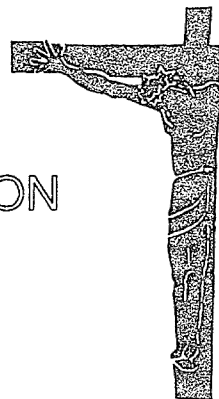


spare, O Lord,
your people,
and make not
your heritage
a reproach

RECONCILIATION

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Penance
Confession



A sacrament is an occasion to recognize what is always present and, by recognizing it, to allow it to become active and fruitful in our lives. The self-gift of God is constant. Indeed, that Absolute Love is the reason why anything is at all. Creation exists because God loves it. Sacraments are the opportunities to acknowledge that fact concretely and so accept the grace which lies at the roots of our being.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation, therefore, is not about restoring the love of God. The love of God needs no restoration, for it never ceases. I cannot make God not love me. Nothing, not even the most vicious sin, can keep God from loving me. I may refuse that love and fail to love God in return, but I cannot prevent God from loving me. In fact, if God did not love me, I would simply cease to be, for the ground of all existence is the Absolute Love which is God. Reconciliation does not change God; it changes me.

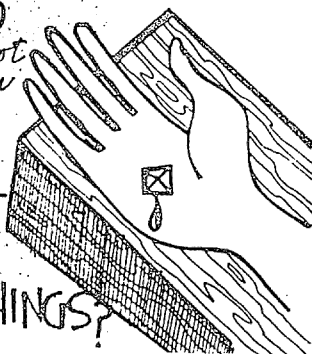
Conversion, the change which I experience in Reconciliation, is not a moral change. A moral change is, of course, presupposed in a true celebration of Reconciliation, but that is not what the sacrament is about primarily. CONVERSION IS A CHANGE OF HEART, a fundamental alteration of my way of understanding and relating to God, to others, and to myself. It is a recognition of the truth and a joyful celebration of the deepest reality of my existence. That truth is that the Absolute Love is the origin, the support, and the destiny of everything which exists, including me. That must be the center of every celebration of Reconciliation. The sacrament is not about MY sinfulness and MY repentance and MY moral development; IT IS ABOUT GOD'S LOVE. The two most important reasons to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation are to acknowledge the truth of who I am and who God is and to glorify the love of God.

Gerard Manley Hopkins, writing of the beauty of creation, has the lines, "These things, these things were here, and but the beholder/wanting." The Absolute Love which is God is always here. RECONCILIATION IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME A BEHOLDER.

...Fr. Michael Himes, ND Theology

NEXT WEEK... Reconciliation 3

IF GOD IS FOR US,
WHO CAN BE AGAINST US?
IS IT POSSIBLE
THAT GOD
who did not
spare his own
son but
handed him
over
WILL NOT
GRANT
US ALL THINGS?



LENT 1988 DAY BE DAY DAILY SCRIPTURE QUOTE & PRACTICE 3 MINUTE DAILY REFLECTION

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SUN FEB 28: "This is my Son, The Beloved. Listen to Him." Mark.

PRACTICE:

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MON FEB 29: "Be compassionate as your God is compassionate. Do not judge...do not condemn...grant pardon...Give and there will be gifts for you: full measured...running over..." Luke.

PRACTICE:

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TUES MAR 1: "The greatest among you must be your servant..." Mt.

PRACTICE:

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