
Our Lady's Field.

"Whether you eat or drink, or whatsoever else you do, do all to the glory of God."
 - i Cor., x, 31.

Have you ever stopped to analyze the Morning Offering? The question is pertinent, because so few people think, so few people take solid account of the things they do by daily habit. The Morning Offering, in case you haven't thought of it, is the summing up of the whole of Christian life; it is the consecration to God of all the thoughts, words, and actions of the twenty-four hours He gives us at a time, in union with the life of Christ, our Brother; it is, above all, the offering of the sacrifices of the day in union with the Supreme Sacrifice of Christ in His Passion and Death for us.

St. Paul told the Thessalonians (and us through them): "Pray without ceasing." And in his message to the Corinthians quoted above he tells us how this is done. Eating and drinking and everything else we do according to plan God has laid down for our life, may be offered to Him as a good work. Sin, of course, may not be so offered; self-seeking, like sin, rules the supernatural merit out of our actions: "Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward." But whatever in our actions is good or indifferent in its nature may be thus offered.

Honest recreation is a good example of an indifferent act that is converted into a prayer by offering it for the glory of God. St. Charles Borromeo is regarded as having been stern with himself; yet it is related of him that when he was asked during a game of billiards or chess (or whatever game cardinals used to play in those days) what he would do if he were to die within the hour, he replied: "I would finish the game. I began it for the glory of God, and I can imagine no more fitting end for a life than being taken in the midst of a work done for God's honor and glory."

Notre Dame football is played to the honor of God and the glory of Our Lady; the Notre Dame stadium is Our Lady's field. The monogram which Notre Dame athletes covet so much, for which they take so many knocks and bruises and for which they sweat and toil through a rugged season, is the interwoven initials of Our Lady. Every game played in Our Lady's field will be dedicated to Our Lady under some special title: last week it was the Circular Medal of Our Lady of Grace; this week it will be Our Lady of Lourdes, whose Grotto on our campus has been a rallying-place for a generation of Our Lady's athletes.

The Colosseum in ancient Rome was dedicated to false gods, to gods of bloody cruelty, wanton lust, degrading drunkenness, and all vices; but God can bring good out of evil, and the blood of the martyrs, shed in the sands of the Colosseum, became the seed of the Church. Our Lady's field is dedicated to the Mother of the true God, and its games will be games of good deeds; God can multiply good and we pray that He will, that from the sod of Our Lady's field may come a new progeny of virtuous sons of Our Lady. And tonight, when you gather in that field, say this prayer (and let your conduct show that you mean it):

"O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer Thee all the prayers, thoughts, words, works and sufferings of my life for all the intentions of Thy Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world for all time, in reparation for my sins and for Thy greater honor and glory."

 PRAYERS: The team begs a remembrance in Holy Communion tomorrow. Deceased: Prof. Downey's mother-in-law; relatives of Philip Meisterheim and John Yeiser; two friends. Ill: Louis and Ann, Chawgo's mother; the mother of Al Feeney, '13; a daughter of Tom O'Neill, '13; the wife of Dr. Baborka, Coach Rockne's Mayo physician. Four special intentions.