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The Feasts of Faith, of Hope, and of Charity.

Thursday - St. Patrick. The Apostle of Ireland (which land is unique in that it was evangelized without a single martyr - although it has had its myriads since that day) made a prayer for his people, a prayer for Faith. God gave more than faith in His answer to that prayer, but faith is still the dominant virtue of the Irish. In your Holy Communion tomorrow thank God for the faith and pray for its increase, not for yourself alone, but for the world.

Friday - Our Lady of Sorrows. "Vita, Dulcedo, Spes," reads the motto on the University seal - "Our life, our sweetness, and our hope." "All grace through Mary," is not an empty phrase. "Never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection... was left unaided," we say in St. Bernard's Memorare. Our Lady is especially the hope of Notre Dame men - and in her sorrows, her share in the Passion of her Divine Son, we should make amends for the things we have done that are unworthy of her. Make reparation the intention in Friday's Holy Communion, and pray for an increase of hope.

Saturday - St. Joseph. Holy Scripture calls St. Joseph "a just man," and this means that he kept the commandment, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart... and thy neighbor as thyself." He was the humble provider for the needs of the Holy Family, he was the faithful guardian of the chastity of the Mother of God; he had the unspeakable happiness of dying in the arms of Jesus and Mary. In your Holy Communion Saturday, pray to him for the grace of a happy death, for respect for womanhood, and for an increase of charity, or love of God.

Have You An Irish Grandmother?

If you have, you will want to warm her heart with the breath of Ireland for St. Patrick's Day. Father Carroll's two recent books of Irish sketches, Patch and Michaleen, give you the true breath of Ireland. You will find them both at the Book Store. (This may look like an ad, but it isn't: it's just the word of one Irishman to another that no writer of today within our ken has a finer Irish flavor than our own Father Carroll, and that he writes the sort of book your grandmother will love to cry over.)

Have We No Patricks?

There are 76 half-hours of adoration signed for tomorrow; fifty-one of the signatures have Irish names - but only one of them is a Patrick. Are we running out of Patricks, or are the Patricks running out on their religion?

Don't Forget Your Questionnaire.

Another collection of questionnaires yesterday netted 83, bringing the total to 466. We are still 300 short of the goal - and the juniors are still lagging far behind. Bear in mind that we want to close the survey before the holidays.

Important Announcement.

Palm Sunday Masses: 6:00, 6:45, 7:30 (off-campus Mass), 8:15. Go to confession before Sunday; the 45-minute schedule leaves little time for confessions, and the crowd on Palm Sunday is the largest of any Sunday of the year. There will be pamphlets in the pews giving the long Gospel of Sunday. Use them and leave them for the next Mass.

Mass, Saturday, 6:25, in the church, for the Knights of Columbus.

PRAYERS: Jack Levins' father died yesterday. Aaron Holieran, an alumnus, is to undergo a dangerous operation. A deceased relative of Mrs. Peterson, widow of former Professor Peterson. Four special intentions.