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A Humble Request for Prayers.

Humility is always a mark of the truly great. Doctor Stephen A. Maher, Laetare Medalist of 1932, after years of painstaking effort in the laboratory, has developed a bacteriological cure for tuberculosis. He is making no plans for his discovery, but there is a remarkable success in the use of the remedy he has developed. After a recent Catholic Action dinner in Waterbury, Conn., Doctor Maher addressed to the distinguished audience a beautiful request for prayers. It is such a striking example of the humility of the truly great, that we give it in toto:

"I am only a dreamy old doctor, some of whose dreams have come true, and who is confident that his great dream, the dream that has haunted him for more than 50 years, will surely come true, if God will give him a little longer to live, and if his friends among the priests and the nuns, and among the rabbis and the ministers will continue to pray to God for his success. Yes, he is confident this great dream of his will soon be realized, and possibly in Connecticut, by himself or some of Connecticut's physicians. His great dream is to acquire the knowledge and the power to drive from the earth the loathsome, torturing disease called tuberculosis.

"Help him my friends with your prayers. Even though he himself is only an ordinary citizen, an ordinary doctor, who deserves neither praise nor prayer from you, can you not afford a little petition to the Lord that he and his associate physicians of Connecticut may have the honor and the privilege to announce to the world, that the reign of the tubercle bacillus is ended, the honor and the great joy to bring laughter and gratitude to the thousands of fathers and mothers in Connecticut alone, who tonight are weeping beside the beds of their wasting and coughing sons and daughters. If with the help of your prayers, the dreamy old doctor or his associates are soon able to cry out to these heart-broken parents, 'Weep no more, dear people, your children are now easily brought back to health and happiness,' will not you, and this old doctor and his associate physicians have participated in Catholic Action of the highest order?"

Don't miss the point. Don't be so wrapped in admiration of the Doctor's humility and its beautiful expression that you forget to pray for the Doctor's intention. Prayer is what he is asking for, you will notice, and Notre Dame men should certainly pray for this holy intention of one of our Laetare Medalists.

Important--Catholic Action--Meeting.

Those who handed in their names for membership in the Catholic Action Club, are requested to meet Father Bolger in Room 222, Main Building, Friday evening, February 2, at 8:00 o'clock. Anyone else who would like to join, and who has not yet handed in his name, is urged to be present Friday evening.

At this first meeting, a convenient day, hour, and place of regular meetings will be determined, and, in a general way, the program of work and the manner of conducting the Club, will be indicated. After this preliminary meeting it is hoped that all members will be ready for action.

If you are interested, don't fail to be present.

The Japanese Know.

This proverb, ascribed to the Japanese, contains a page of wisdom on the drink question: "Man takes drink; Drink takes drink; Drink takes man."

CONFESSIONS - Thursday night for First Friday.

PRAYERS: Deceased - Bill Furey's father; three friends. Ill - Wm. Bailey's grandmother (Bishop Noll's mother); the wife of Frank Donalty, '32. Three special intentions.