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Sign Up For Lenten Adoration!

Volunteer canvassers are now covering the halls to give you an opportunity to sign up for Lenten Adoration. Cooperate with them so that the entire period of Lent may be taken care of by this one canvass.

Forty Hours' Adoration starts after the nine-o'clock Mass next Sunday and continues until Tuesday night. The following day, Ash Wednesday, Lenten Adoration proper begins.

Help generously towards honoring the Blessed Sacrament during the Holy Season. God's reward to you will be very great and you will, in part, satisfy your obligation of doing penance.

Mexico Pleads For Prayers.

According to Associated Press dispatches, Mexican bishops last week sent to Catholics of the United States an urgent request for prayers. The letter was signed by all Mexican bishops and archbishops.

Conditions in Mexico, the letter asserts, amount to open persecution of the Church:

1. The Church is denied legal existence in Mexico;
2. It is necessary to be a native of Mexico in order to exercise the priesthood within the country;
3. The number of priests has been cut down to 197--for 16 million Catholics!
4. All seminaries have been closed, and the Church is forbidden to impart education; the official, authorized education is socialistic and fundamentally atheistic and anti-social;
5. The Church is forbidden to maintain charitable organizations and institutions;
6. No public procession or other religious ceremony can be held outside the churches--not even in cemeteries;
7. In some states, churches have been closed entirely; in others, only a few are open;
8. Churches are the property of the nation, which can close them, give them to other religious denominations, or use them for any other purpose;
9. Two laws openly hostile to the Church have been passed: the first, takes for the nation any property in which religious propaganda is made, or any religious ceremony is performed; and the law has been applied retroactively to private homes in which, for example, a Catholic college existed years ago;
10. The second sets up that the superior council of education monopolizes instruction and establishes the secular school, which is socialistic.

Here is the touching appeal that Mexican bishops make to you:

"Pray for us. Form a single heart and single soul with us, and join us in raising our simple, humble and fervent prayers to the throne of Heaven and earth."

Let us answer this appeal in our Masses, Holy Communions, and periods of adoration--especially during the Forty Hours and the Holy Season of Lent.

PRAYERS: (deceased) mother of Sister M. Germaine, Mobile, Ala.; brother of Martin J. Gillen; father of Maurice Stack; father of Paul McGannon; great-aunt of John Parish (Sorin). Ill, friend of Mark Finocchiaro (Fresh.); relative of Jim Maguire (How.); Tom Farrell, alumnus; mother of Dan Gilda (Morr.). One thanksgiving; 4 spec. ints.