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Father Hoff preaches tonight  
at 7 and 7:30. --Hand in  
your FUNDS for FLOOD RELIEF!

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Pray For George Wirry!

Last night the odds were all against George Wirry. This morning the hospital reports his condition very slightly improved.

George's chances are slim. Prayer may pull him through, if God wants to spare him. You must do the praying!

A Jewish Reporter Goes To Mass.

At a convention of Catholic Charities in Cincinnati, altars were erected in a hotel room for the offering of the Mass by the scores of priests in attendance. A Jewish reporter visited the room one morning and these were some of the impressions that he recorded for the Cincinnati Enquirer of the following day:

You do not have to be a Catholic to stand reverently at the door of a certain room on the third floor of the Netherland Plaza. Nor need you understand the ritual of the Mass to feel profoundly moved. For, if you do not understand even one word of the Mass, you know the rapt people who kneel on the floor and bow before the sacred things.

They are people like yourself who have come at 9 o'clock in the morning on a week-day to prostrate themselves before God, to look beyond the horizon of their affairs into mystical distances that lie even farther than the farthest star.

This girl is one you have seen at a typewriter in some office; this elderly man you remember as the one who came to collect from you a payment you still owed on books you bought on the installment plan; this gray old lady used to be a neighbor.....

Time has stopped and this was almost two thousand years ago; and outward sounds--the traffic, voices--were like murmurs on a distant shore. The altar bell seemed like tinkle of brass at the last Supper....

It was done; they rose from their knees, and their horizons drew close about them again as their eyes descended from the mystical heights into which they had been looking.....

For, it appears, that, among the Catholics, worship is not a thing apart from the daily life, but is integrated with it.

Once Catholics themselves know the meaning of the Mass, once they appreciate the beauty of its prayers and the significance of its ritual, the Holy Sacrifice becomes an opportunity to adore and thank God, to ask His grace and forgiveness through the dying lips of the Suffering Christ of Calvary.

Learn the Mass through following it with a Missal, and you will not have to force yourself daily to attend the Mass.

Flood Note.

A note from Cy Conner of Walsh asks for your prayers. His home, like thousands of others, has been ruined by the floods. Remember that many Notre Dame families are affected. Pray, and hurry funds for the needy.

PRAYERS: (deceased) Brother Caius, C.S.C.; James Maher, brother-in-law of Fr. Ryan. Ill, Fr. Branigan's mother; friend of Frank Kelly (Fr.); Bob Kenny, Bill Gomber's friend.