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The Holy Father Writes To You.

Last week, almost at the precise moment when Mussolini and Hitler were inspecting munition factories and goose-stepping troops, the Holy Father was writing a forceful encyclical exhorting all Catholics to join in saying the Rosary this month of October for the twin defeat of communism and of the neo-paganism that is once more attempting to envelop certain whole countries of the world.

His Holiness recalls effectively in his letter the power and efficacy of the Rosary in combatting heresies of the past--especially that of the Albigenses--and he reminds us that the Rosary will be just as effective today against the heresies of modern times. Faith in the Rosary and devotion to it we must stir up this month of October.

Deep dissension rends society today, the Holy Father points out from his watch tower. On the one hand, communism rears its head in denial of the right of private property; on the other hand, the cult of Statehood and the desire to restore order and public authority, against the intrigues of communism, by exhuming pagan errors and morals to take the place of the wisdom of the Gospels. Neither communism nor neo-paganism can be tolerated.

Let not the confidence of good Catholics be shaken in the face of these two great evils. God will not abandon His Church if recourse is had to Mary through the Holy Rosary which is the Psalter of the Blessed Virgin and the resume of the Gospels and of the Christian life.

Each day (except Saturdays and Sundays) of the month of October there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the main church here at Notre Dame from 7:30 a.m., to 5:00 p.m. At 5:00 p.m., the Rosary will be recited before the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction will follow immediately.

These Points Will Guide You.

1. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the main church on the Bernini altar in the Lady Chapel at the rear of the main altar.
2. Each official adorer (one who signs a card) is expected to vest in cassock and surplice and take his place on the priedieu provided in the sanctuary.
3. The Blessed Sacrament should never be left alone. For this reason, do not break your appointment with Our Lord, and do not come late.
4. The cards you fill out will be returned to you as advance notice of your adoration period.
5. If you find it impossible to be present at one of your designated periods either get a substitute or notify Father Lynch, 117 Dillon Hall.
6. If for any reason you have not yet signed up for adoration during October, do so at once through Father Lynch, Dillon Hall; through Father Grimm, Howard, or through Father Gartland, Cavanaugh.

The Holy Father's call to the Rosary is directed to you on your own behalf. Your interests and those of your family are challenged sharply by both the communists and the neo-pagans.

Go to your knees before the Blessed Sacrament with a Rosary in your hand this month of October!

PRAYERS: (deceased) father of Tom ('24) and Harold Cooke; Gus Van Montorghem ('19); aunt of Frank Winninger (all,); James J. Walsh ('30). (ill) Robert Waldeck ('37).