

Prelims again tonight.  
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Penny-a-day in Lent  
will help spread the  
Faith of Christ.....

After Christmas and Easter, in  
some places (not saying where) St. Pat's  
Day is the most important day in the year. A  
long time ago when Notre Dame was all Irish, no  
classes were held. But now it's different. The  
Germans and Poles insist that the profs and priests  
give them their money's worth. \*\*\* Every year too,  
the question's brought up in bull-sessions where St.  
Patrick was born. Some say in Briton (though most  
deny that!), others think France. But a lot of  
the local boys have it narrowed down to either  
South Boston or the south side of Chicago. Sure  
didn't all the Irish come from one or other  
of these? \*\*\* There's something wonderful  
about St. Patrick and the Irish, else his  
feast would pass without a big stir.

The whole thing about it is the  
Catholic Faith. \*\*\* The con-  
version of Ireland by Saint  
Patrick is unique in the  
annals of the world.

Within the  
lifetime of this one  
great Apostle, the whole  
Emerald Isle cast aside forever pagan idols, sacrifices and Druid rites never one  
day to return to them! In their place the Christian Faith was wholeheartedly taken  
and with it the sublime dogma, moral and rites of Rome. \*\*\* This was accomplished with-  
out shedding one drop of blood, without digging one martyr's grave. Within Patrick's  
lifetime, Ireland became a land of priests, of scholars and saints. Never once in the  
1400 years since 532 when Patrick first stepped upon Erin's green sod was it necessary  
to seek the help of another foreign missionary either to complete or restore the true  
Apostolic Faith to Ireland. \*\*\* Within Patrick's time every hill was crowned with  
its college or abbey, every village was sanctified with its church. \*\*\* Though famine  
often tried the Faith of the Irish people, though tyrannical laws pressed against them,  
though churches were closed down and schools wrecked, and Catholic leaders imprisoned  
or led to the gallows, nothing ever could cut the Catholic Faith out of Ireland's heart.  
It is that way even today. Ireland, almost alone, is a Catholic nation, thoroughly, to  
the core. Distinctly non-Nordic, it lays no claim to the greatest "progress". Too often  
the "greatest progress" means denying God, resting the ultimate causes of things in the  
genius of superintellectual men. The people of Ireland still have enough backwoods  
roads and dirt pavements, cows and barns, fields of green clover, bees of the field  
unharnessed waters, uncut trees

to point beyond doubt to  
the Hand of God.

Tonight  
in the  
gym, for  
10¢ you

can see  
Fighting  
Irishmen

mix it up  
with the  
gloves..

Proceeds  
to spread  
the Faith  
in Ben-  
gal.

\*\*\* Besides Faith, Hope and  
Charity, there's plenty of fight  
in the Irish. People that  
believe, trust & love  
always fight.

(Deceased) grandfather of  
Ed Layden, ex-'38; 2nd  
anniv. father-in-law  
of Professor Hoyer.

(Ill) Brother Leonard, O.S.C. (Mayo's);  
father of Bob Cuthbertson (Scrin);  
Rev. James Kearns. (Deceased) two  
friends of Bill Hawes (Carroll).