

NOVENA FOR POOR SCULS
DAILY AT 5:30 BEST EVER
THIS YEAR. REMEMBER TO....

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OFFER YOUR MASS AND HO-
LY COMMUNION NINE DAYS
FOR FAITHFUL DEPARTED.

"Prophet's Mantle."

Here's a fine editorial quoted from The DePaulia, student paper at DePaul, Chicago:

There is too much public-speaking going on for everyone's good. The trouble with this situation is not that public-speaking is no good, but that the people who are using a technique which in itself is practically invaluable, are emitting nothing worthy of serious consideration.

Everyone wants everyone else's opinion it seems. Now that idea is based upon a principle essentially false. You haven't a right to an opinion unless the basis for it is authoritative. It is for this reason that the Reformation's principle of individual interpretation of the Bible falls flat. For an individual's opinion is valid or worthy of consideration only inasmuch as it can be vindicated by reason and authority. The authority of the individual in the case of Revelation is practically nil, and thus his opinion has about the same value as a chipmunk's.

So a great deal of this sounding-off on all subjects, public opinion polls, students who give forth a great deal of verbal or written matter merely because they are a tiny portion of an amorphous group called "American Youth" and all the rest, merely swell the volume of ideas without in the least adding to their clarity or worth.

Well said, and especially the application to "students who give forth a great deal of verbal or written matter."

Peace.

To avoid this possible fault "of merely swelling the volume of ideas without in the least adding to their clarity or worth," the Notre Dame Student Commission For Peace has been taking its careful time preparing a pamphlet on peace. They have been consulting each Wednesday with Dr. Francis McMahon of the Catholic International Association for Peace.

THE COMMISSION FOR PEACE MEETS AGAIN TONIGHT IN THE LAW AUDITORIUM AT 7:45. YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN ITS MEETING, TO OFFER YOUR HELP, TO SHARE IN THE GOOD WORK.

The Commission hopes to have its work off the press and ready for distribution by the Christmas vacation. Your prayers are earnestly asked for the success of this project.

If you are looking for one of the clearest and most truly helpful papers on peace, read Dr. McMahon's "A Thomistic Analysis of Peace" in The Thomist for July, 1939.

The Morality of Being A "C.O."

Another point many of you are interested in is the question of what to do if your conscience sincerely, not in a cowardly way, quarrels with the idea of going to war.

Father Miltner, long a student of Christian ethics, has graciously consented to prepare a series of Bulletins on this provocative problem. Watch for "The Conscientious Objector."

Still Coming.

Two weeks ago this Thursday the left hand corner of the Bulletin announced that these subjects were coming: "Mixed Marriages Prevented" and "Lack of Faith Among College Men." They're still coming. Meantime you might be swapping your own ideas about them.

PRAYERS: (Deceased) aunt of Tom Ferry (How.); father of John Hackett, coach of Detroit Catholic Central H.S.; Mrs. Nora Conway; Nellie T. Grandfield; (Ill) father of Pete Carroll, '34; friend of Leo Downey (F-I); grandfather of Jack Jeakle (Cav.); cousin of John McDevitt (Rad.); (accident) aunt of Geo. Meeker (St. Ed's); cousin of Al Ferrine.