

Forty Hours.

One of the great privileges of the year begins tomorrow. And, considering the spirit behind the Devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration, no time could be more appropriate for it than right now.

Back in the sixteenth century it started. Peace. Peace for the Church, protection from the Turks, cooperation among the Christian Princes-- these were the reasons impelling priests and people to special prayer. They fell, humbly, to their knees before the Blessed Sacrament exposed. Forty hours they implored God's intercession and the return of Our Lord's presence and influence into their lives in imitation of the Disciples' forty hours' watchful prayer at the Tomb of Our Saviour.

When Christ did re-appear to His loved ones, the first thing He said was ever the same. PAX VOBIS. Peace be to you. And these are the words you should implore the Eucharistic Lord of the World to repeat these days of bitter winter and bitter fighting. P E A C E.

So much does the spirit of peace permeate the Devotion of the Forty Hours, a votive Mass pro pace-- for peace-- is sung the second morning of the Exposition. Father Hager and the Moreau Choir will fulfil this part of the rite early Monday at the side altar to the left of the main altar in Sacred Heart Church.

Even the idea of adoring in relays is intrinsic to the Devotion. The idea is to have everyone share in the supplication. In fact, in Milan, where the Forty Hours' is believed to have originated, the round of prayers was offered in all of the city's churches one right after another. The whole community was expected to do its part. So with Notre Dame men Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Let each generously offer his half-hour

or several half-hours, vested in cassock and surplice. Kneel close to the Blessed Sacrament. Occupy one of the prie-dieux in the sanctuary. You will find peace-- that peace which the world cannot give-- that peace which it is your Christian duty to radiate.

You will have many intentions to pray for. First, recommend the soul of Bill Madel, aged 17, off-campus freshman, to Our Lord and to your common Mother, Notre Dame. Bill was killed coasting not far from his home in Plymuth. Sunday's 7:00 o'clock Mass will be said for his soul.

Then, don't forget, pray for the soldiers who are falling on foreign battlefields. Frozen in Finland! What a mean death for lads your age, with your potentialities! There have been stories of public burial rites for the many Lutheran Finnish soldiers. Relatively speaking, they are well provided for. You might well think of the Russian youngsters as you pray during Forty Hours'. So many of them, now 20, 21 and 22, were born just after the Revolution, just after God was squeezed from the Soviet. They were lads taught not to believe in God, taught that your Eucharistic Saviour and theirs is a fraud! Compared with your educational advantages, theirs have been infinitesimal. The Five Year Plans stressed intrigue at embassies, lies in the press, opium for the pipes of the people. There was no room in the plan, no money to build up the Russian Peo. Now the Russian Boy is frozen in Finland. Give him a place in your prayers. He is the abandoned Christchild! "What you do for the least of My brethren....." How true!

A third prayer. This is CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH. Sustain, promote spread far and wide, for the Lord of the Holy Sepulchre and of these Forty Hours', His Truth, His Love. He must grow in this world. The cells of His Body must strengthen & multiply.

PRAYERS: (DECEASED) WILLIAM MARGUS MADEL, '43, CONCUSSION OF THE BRAIN, VERY SUDDENLY. sister of Jack Davis (Cav. offers High Mass and 13 low Masses); Brother of Professor Manion; cousin of Bro. Paulinus, C.S.C. (Farm); (1st anniv) grandmother of Ed Dougherty; grandmother of Bill Geddes (Al); uncle of A. Calarco (BP); son of Leo Wadzinski; Mr. Edward L. Hopkins; Mr. Harry Woodward; uncle of Graham McGowan (Cav); grandfather of Paul Broting' ex-'41; (5th anniv) mother of Dan McNamara (Ly); (6th anniv) mother of Neale Bail (BP); uncle of Chas. Kennedy (Morr); Mr. Toolan (Chi); Randolph Lietzke... (ILL) Mrs. Littleton; Mrs. Gorman; father of Jim Glonn '35; Al. ... mother of Bernardine McCusker; uncle of N. MacCarry... & special intentions