

How It Started.

Some 30 years ago, an Episcopalian minister in the East who had founded a religious community of men prayed zealously for the re-union of the English or Anglican Church with the Church of Rome. He also published a monthly magazine in the interest of such a re-union.

His prayers, goodwill and God's grace produced, not a re-union, but his own conversion. In 1909 he embraced Catholicism, then studied for the priesthood. The members of his Anglican community of men (and later an Anglican sisterhood founded by him) followed him into the Catholic Church. He eventually became head of a new Catholic community, The Friars of the Atonement.

Shortly after his conversion he received the approval of the Holy See to promote a "Church Unity Octave", during which time world-wide prayers would be offered for the conversion of the whole world, especially of all Christian sects, to the Church of Peter.

This Octave, observed now by Catholics the world over, starts on the Feast of St. Peter's Chair, Saturday, January 18th, and ends on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, January 25th.

Are You Proud of Your Faith?

It was one of the dreams of Christ to have the world united in one Faith. That was why He came, why He suffered, why He prayed the night before He died:

"And not for them only do I pray, but for them also who through their word shall believe in me.

"That they all may be one, as Thou, Father, in Me, and I in Thee; that they also may be one in Us."

Christ gave all of us the privilege of cooperating with Him in bringing the priceless gift of Faith to others. How cooperate? We must use the same means that Christ used: prayer, mortification and good example.

If you want the priceless gift of Faith for a non-Catholic father or mother, for some relative or friend, never will there be a better chance for the necessary prayer and mortification than here and now at Notre Dame. The Church Unity Octave is a time of special graces for conversions.

Write out the names. Drop them into the box placed in your hall. These names will be collected and placed on an altar at which Mass will be said daily for those names entered and for the intentions of the Octave.

A suggestion: The most sensible form of prayer and mortification is to climb out of bed and go to Mass every morning of the Octave. Convince God of your earnestness.

You have no non-Catholic relatives or friends? Then pray for Europe and its leaders. This war came because man deserted God and Christian principles. No lasting, just peace can be expected until Europe returns to the Faith and effective Christian principles.

NOTE: Keep praying for Professor Payton, and also for Fr. Ray Norris, C.S.C., both critically ill.

PRAYERS: (deceased) friend of Bob O'Hayer (Dil.); grandmother of Al Hosbeim (B-P.); friend of Mrs. VanScoik (Comp. Off.). Ill, Tom Kelly, Tom Manning, Bill Sylvester (all of Cav., sick at home); Miss Virginia Martin. Five special intentions.