

Small daily Lenten
Missals have arrived.
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Benediction Wednesday
night 7:00 & 7:30
for everybody.

Over Freshmen Heads?

The upper-classmen like the Lenten sermons. A few freshmen, however, say they are too intellectual for them, over their heads, "long-haired". St. Paul didn't think this doctrine of the Mystical Body was too intellectual for the man in the streets of Ephesus and Corinth, for example. However, for your better appreciation of tomorrow night's sermon, here's a summary of the Second Sermon, which deals with

Our Union With Christ In Grace.

The Second Person of the Holy Trinity does not cease to be a Divine Person in becoming man. Hence, His acts, measured by the dignity of the Person acting, have truly infinite worth.

Jesus is also man; indeed, He is THE MAN among men. From Him as Head there flows forth the Grace that is to raise the acts of His members to that dignity and worth without which they can neither please God nor have proportion with the end for which they were created. "Without Me you can do nothing." St. John XV:5.

There remain, even to the master electrician or the advanced physicist, many mysteries in electricity. Yet, without any wait for all possible solutions of these problems, so readily is each new electrical device exploited, that thrilling novelty soon becomes virtual necessity to modern life. It is so easy to throw a switch.

How much more should we expect mystery when we enter the realm of the spiritual and supernatural force that is Grace. How much less excuse is there in letting inevitable mystery deter us from exploiting a force that provides not mere convenience but indispensable necessity to true life. What a tragedy it is — and it can be an eternal tragedy — to be content with being just a man when we can put on the divine life of our Head and say with St. Paul (Gal. 11:20): "I live, now not I, but Christ liveth in me!"

Such is the message of this sermon — to convince us that the Grave of Christ, Our Head, is as real, as necessary to the soul, as is the blood that nourishes bodily life.

Protests.

Some readers have protested against the item, "Washington War Talk", in Saturday's Bulletin, and have requested space for discussion of the Administration's policy. The Bulletin, being primarily religious, tries to keep aloof from non-religious controversies. Saturday's remarks were dictated in sincere sympathy with the situation facing the students — and their mothers, from whom several letters have come. The students are the ones who will have to do the fighting if war comes, and many feel that they are being rushed unwisely into the conflict.

The students have little or no opportunity to be heard or to influence the action of their government for or against entry into this war, whichever is the wiser course. Their main recourse is prayer, and the Bulletin was trying to emphasize that.

The Bulletin is not the proper place to settle the controversy, nor is it proper for it to line up with any Committee, whether it be All Aid for Britain or America First. The Bulletin's program is God First; hence the emphasis on prayer in both the opening of the article criticized and its closing, which was, "Pray at Mass, Communion and Adoration for peace and for a return to God of the world...and of some Notre Dame seniors and juniors."

PRAYERS (continued) sister of S. Young; Bob Appleton ex. '42; friend of Tom Tadross
M. L. Lathrop; Horton; How Curtis, oper. (Lyons); grandmother of Daniel Waterbury
(see also his special intentions)