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Convert Your Friends.

At the Dillon Hall Pamphlet Rack you will find a leaflet with a prayer for conversions. Every student must realize his obligation to pray for others, and to be an apostle. Take someone you know personally and pray for him or her: a lapsed Catholic, a non-Catholic mother or father, a friend.

An English Martyr And Church Unity.

Right now we are about in the middle of the Church Unity Octave, a week of prayer recommended by the Pope for the return to Catholic Unity of all Christian peoples. The motto of the Church Unity Octave is the prayer of Jesus Christ: "That they all may be one, as Thou, Father in Me, and I in Thee".

Father Bede Camm, English Benedictine, tells a good story about Church Unity in a little book about the English Martyrs -- mostly priests who suffered gloriously for Christ during the reign of Queen Elizabeth ("Good Queen Bess"), when it was a crime punishable by death to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The point of this story is that the only intelligent "Church Unity" is a return to the Holy Catholic Faith.

One of the martyrs was a priest named George Haydock -- Blessed George Haydock. He was dragged through the mud of London's streets to Tyburn Hill, infamous place of punishment, Altar of the Martyrs, and there hoisted upon the headsman's block, where he stood for a moment -- as once His Leader, Christ, had stood -- before a jeering mob.

Amid the angry babel the martyr quietly bowed his head in prayer. He prayed in Latin. That was a new cause of offense. The angry Protestant ministers who buzzed around him demanded that he should pray in English, so that they might pray with him.

"Begone!" their victim cried, "for I have naught in common with you. But I beg and beseech all Catholics here that they pray together with me to Our Lord for their country's weal."

"There are no Catholics here!" one shouted. But another contradicted him at once: "We are all Catholics!" The martyr must have smiled at this characteristic exhibition of Anglican unity, but it gave him the opportunity to bear witness once more, with his last breath, to the Faith for which he died.

Listen With Three Million Others To Msgr. Sheen on Sunday.

Every Sunday until April 25, Monsignor Sheen will speak over the Catholic Hour. Tune in on the NBC Red Network at 5:00. "The Crisis in Christendom" is the general theme of this series of talks.

The War Within Your Heart.

There is more than the enemies in the eastern and western world to worry about. The battle in the soul must always keep your attention. You will be certain of ultimate victory if you bring Our Blessed Lord to fight temptation with you through the use of prayer and the sacraments. Now is the time to begin the practice of daily Mass and Holy Communion. Promise Christ that you will give Him your heart in Communion tomorrow.