

(FOR THE CATHOLIC STUDENT AT NOTRE DAME)

Fri., feast of Sacred
Heart. Honor Christ by
Mass and Holy Communion.

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Have you made your half-
hour of Adoration? Closes
Fri. Will help invaders.

For Those Leaving Notre Dame.

Our Lady and you have solved many problems during your stay on her campus. She knows your temptations, your difficulties in the classroom and the endless blessings you need at this moment. In all the times you have run to your Blessed Mother at the Grotto or in your hall chapel, have you ever thought of telling her that you want to be her slave? What does this slavery mean? This -- to do everything in the future, work, play, fight, die for her; to give all your possessions to her.

This Will Not Hurt Christ.

If devotion to Mary turned you from Christ, we would not dare mention it. Christ is the only Way, the Truth, the Life; our Head, our Master, our only Lord. But devotion to Mary leads us to Christ. He is altogether hers. The honor we pay her is given to her son. You cannot separate heat from fire, and you cannot separate Mary from Jesus. If we consecrate ourselves entirely to Mary (or to Jesus through Mary, it does not matter how you say it), we will find the surest, the easiest, the most perfect means by which to go to Christ: the same road He travelled when He came to us. To Jesus through Mary: the ideal of our lives, and the whole purpose of the Consecration to Mary.

What We Give Our Lady.

1. Our Body, with its senses.
2. Our Soul, with all its powers of knowledge and love;
3. Our Worldly Property, past present, future.

We keep for ourselves only the use of these things, and we promise that the use we make of them will be totally dependent on her will, for the glory of God and the love of neighbor.

Above all, we give her:

4. The value of all our Prayers, our Merits, and our Good Works.
Everytime we assist at Mass, receive Holy Communion, say a prayer, make a sacrifice, or perform any other good action while in the state of grace, we "merit" for ourselves from God an increase of sanctifying grace. This merit is ours and cannot be transferred. We give Our Lady this "merit" to keep for us.

About The Effects Of Our Prayer.

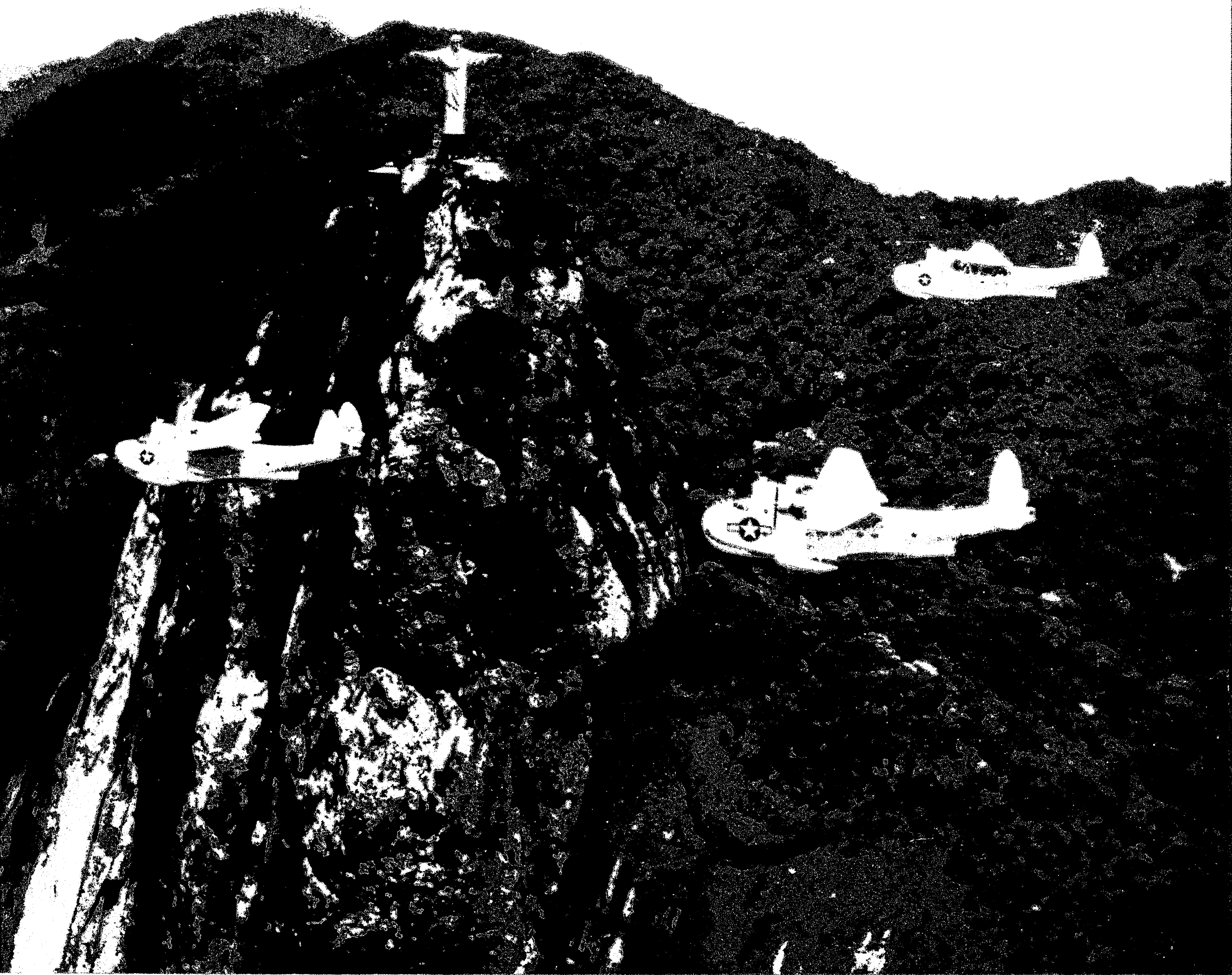
Prayer gets things done: it obtains favors from God, shortens the sufferings of the souls in Purgatory, secures Indulgences. When we give all to Mary we can no longer dispose of the value of any of our good actions. Mary does it for us. We hand over to her everything we have, without reserve, expecting and hoping for nothing in return, except the honor and privilege of belonging to Jesus through Mary.

Can't I pray for myself? Of course, and for others too. But the application of our prayers depends wholly on Mary's will. We should pray more confidently even than we did before, because Jesus and Mary will not allow us to be more generous than they are themselves. And if once in a while we should forget to make an intention, it is a consolation to know that Mary does not forget.

Enormous Benefits.

If we are all for Mary, she will be all for us. She will not allow her property to be snatched from her, by temptation, by an untimely and unprepared death. Repeat during the day: "All for Jesus through Mary."

SEE YOUR CHAPLAIN IF YOU WISH TO TAKE THE FORMAL CONSECRATION (takes but a minute.)



Courtesy of SHIPMATE, U. S. Naval Academy

One day our Blessed Lord, with flaming heart, appeared to St. Margaret Mary and made a promise: "Take care of My interests and My Honor and My heart will take care of you and your interests." The good people of Rio de Janeiro have not forgotten Our Savior's promise. High above the harbor of their country they have placed a statue of Christ reminding all, sailor, pilot, traveler, citizen, that their Redeemer must have first place in their lives.

Today is the feast of the Sacred Heart. Did you dishonor Christ during the past months? Then visit the Sacred Heart in your chapel, make acts of reparation and re-dedicate again your work and your play to His service. Are you about to receive your degree, to transfer to another station, to enter the Service? Then kneel before the Blessed Sacrament and promise Christ that you will always guard His interests and His Honor wherever you go.

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