

(FOR THE CATHOLIC STUDENT AT NOTRE DAME)

3rd order of St. Francis  
will meet in Sorin Chapel  
Wed. at 7:30 P.M.

University of Notre Dame  
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Adoration in Church  
11:00 to 4:30, closing  
daily with Rosary.

Our Lady In The Torture Chamber.

Last Saturday night in Washington Hall, the civilian students saw a scene in the Pathe News that told a silent, but impressive story. A Nazi prisoner had been captured. A newsman was on the spot with his camera to take a few shots of the various types of tortures carried out in those underground chambers. A close-up was shown of a whipping post to which prisoners were bound and then shot at. This particular post had been whittle down to almost nothing by rifle shots. Bits of human flesh were embedded in the wood. Hanging over the top of the square post was an object that a Catholic would recognize immediately -- a Rosary.

A student underwent an operation last week. When suffering seized him, he clutched tightly his rosary. There is a Holy Cross Brother slowly dying in the Community Infirmary across St. Joseph's lake. In his hands is a Rosary. The attendant caring for him says he never stops reciting Hail Marys. A Notre Dame man writes a short description of the invasion of Italy: "I carried my Rosary in my hand all day long." Perhaps the Rosary on the whipping post was taken from the hand of a young man or woman after they had fallen from an enemy bullet.

To a Catholic the Rosary means Our Blessed Lady, and to grasp it in time of danger or suffering or when in need is for them to run into the loving embrace of their Heavenly Mother. The tighter they hold their Rosary, the more do they feel as if they are protected by the Queen of Heaven and the Comforter of the Afflicted.

No Catholic young man should be without a Rosary in his pocket. Simply touching it will bring him the confidence that his Mother sees his suffering and his need. October, the month dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary, should deepen your devotion To Our Lady and her Rosary.

Rosary Promises:

- ... "Whoever will faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary shall receive signal grace."
- ... "The Rosary will make virtue and good works flourish, and will obtain for souls the most abundant divine mercies; it will substitute in hearts love of God for love of the world, elevate them to desire heavenly and eternal good. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means!"
- ... "What you shall ask through the Rosary you shall obtain."

A Soldier Describes A Mass In Normandy.

"Quite an experience, this being with a first line outfit such as the First Division, the most experienced division in the whole army -- Oran, Tunisia, and Sicily behind them, and we led the way in here on D-Day. A regular Army outfit, rough, tough, and experienced; having no illusions as to what this business is all about. One of our priests got permission to say Mass in a village church nearby. It was a Mass just for ourselves....

"The men file into that little church, they genuflect, they put tin hats on the floor; they unslung rifles, loaded and lay them under the kneeling benches. They kneel in the pews. Look around as I did. These men wear dirty clothes for many of them it means the first time they've come out of the line in a month or more. Those clothes haven't been off their bodies in that time. Their faces are dirty; their hair is long; it, too, dirty, unkept. They wear pistols at their sides; they have grenades sticking out of pockets; they wear trench knives on their belts. Look at their faces, they're kids in years most of them... Then Communion, every man-Jack in that church goes to the rail. That's a picture I'll not forget... that's religion." (Boston Pilot)

PRAYERS: (deceased) father of Curren Higgins (St. Eds); Arthur Feichan; (Ill) Bro. Aloysius, C.S.C.; friend of Bob Woodhouse (Presbytery). Two Special Intentions.