



Easter Duty.

This is the first call for Catholics to make their Easter Communion. Any reception of Holy Communion between the First Sunday in Lent and Trinity Sunday fulfills this obligation which binds under pain of mortal sin. One need not have the fulfillment of the law in mind when he approached the rail. The Church merely wishes the reception of Holy Communion within that period. Communion received on Ash Wednesday or on the three following days does not fulfill the obligation.

Death Rehearsal.

Margaret Clitherow was a butcher's wife of York, England who died a martyr's death in the days of Queen Elizabeth. For twelve years her house was one of the chief Mass centers of York in the days of persecution when Mass had to be said secretly.

Margaret was condemned to die by having a door with weights on it crush her to death. To make the death more cruel, a stone was to be placed under her back.

Margaret rehearsed her death the night before she died. At midnight she arose and dressed herself in the linen robe she had made for her death. In the cold of the night she knelt, thus lightly clad, on the floor of the prison cell and remained there for several hours.

About three o'clock in the morning, Margaret rose again, walked to the fireplace and laid down with her back on the cold stones of the hearth. She lay there for about a quarter of an hour.

Margaret died in the manner she anticipated. The executioners placed her on the floor face upward. A sharp stone the size of a man's fist was shoved under her back and a door was laid over her covering her from sight. Her hands were parted and tied to stakes in the floor so that she lay with her arms outstretched in the form of a cross. Then weights were laid on the door. She was heard to say, "Jesus have mercy on me!" Seven or eight hundred pounds were placed on the door. She died in fifteen minutes.

What prayers will you say when you come to die? What will be your attitude of mind at the approach of death? It is most profitable for you to rehearse your death in meditation, so that you will be prepared for that all-important moment of your life. St. Joseph is the patron of a Happy Death. During his month of March do something every day in his honor, beside reflecting often on your death. Your devotion to St. Joseph will bring his aid now, at meditation, and later at the moment of death.

Lest You Forget.

Retreat for students in Dillon, Alumni, Walsh and Sorin Halls begins this Saturday at 8:45 P.M. in Alumni Hall chapel.

Lent is still in progress. Are you faltering? Mass daily at 7:20 A.M. in Dillon and Cavanaugh Hall chapels, and at 8:00 A.M. in the Basement Chapel of the Church.

PRAYERS: (deceased) sister of George Patterman (OC). (Ill) mother of Bill (Al), Roger (How) and Pete Brown. Two special Intentions.