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Gripe, Gripe, Gripe.

A scorching letter has come to the desk of the Prefect of Religion. Its words slice him up and down and sideways. Why? Because for the past week and a half, in writing and from the altar rail, he has insisted that every student must do penance.

Now the Prefect of Religion does not want to fight God. Does anyone with good sense? God has said, "Unless you do penance you shall likewise perish." God has given his Church the right to speak in His name, and the Church echoes His words, "Unless you do penance..." Our Bishop has been appointed as the father of the Catholics in his diocese, and he has constantly reiterated his attitude, "You must do penance. I cannot dispense you from it."

The Prefect of Religion wants to be in God's corner. Don't you too?

Penance brings profits to each individual. Self-denial pays big dividends. When one gets into the habit of saying "No" to legitimate things and can give up easily permitted pleasures, then the saying "No" and the "giving up" becomes less difficult when temptation comes. If a man does not do penance, then he caters to his evil desires. Of him God says, he "shall likewise perish."

The Mother of God begged for penance when she appeared at Fatima. Here are her words, "Pray, pray very much and make sacrifices for sinners. Remember that many souls are lost because there is nobody to pray and to make sacrifices for them." Do you think you are doing enough for Our Blessed Lady?

Purgatory can be terribly long for the man who never tries to pay the debts he owes God for his sins. Penance merits a remission of temporal punishment. Lent is the ideal time to prepare for a straight trip to Heaven with no stopping over in Purgatory.

Don't Miss This?

You will have the opportunity this Tuesday night of hearing about the famous Grotto of Lourdes in France by the one in charge of it. The Bishop of Lourdes will be here with the Secretary General of the Grotto. There will be a sermon and Benediction at 7:00 P.M. -- Tuesday.

As usual the hall bell will ring about ten-to-seven reminding you to start for the Church. At the 7:00 P.M. Wednesday Lenten services, Father Hesburgh will speak. Adoration will run through supper time Wednesday, but not on Tuesday when there will be the services at 5:00 P.M., with a second Benediction at 7:00 P.M.

PRAYERS: (deceased) Father Bernard Laukemper (Chicago); George Branen '00; grandfather of Wilfred O'Gill (OC). (Ill) uncle of Tom Kigin (Dil); friend of Louis Rieg (BP); Monsignor Hillenbrand (Chicago). Eleven Special Intentions. One Thanksgiving.

A beginners class for serving Mass starts Tuesday night at 6:30 in Dillon Chapel. Students from Cavanaugh, B-P, Sorin, Zahn and Alumni have already signed up. There is room for more. You will be out in time to hear the Bishop of Lourdes talk.