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The Dogwood Legend

At the time of the Crucifixion the Dogwood attained the size of the oak and other forest trees. So strong and firm was the wood, it was chosen for the timber of the Cross. To be used thus for such a cruel purpose distressed the tree, and Jesus, sensing this, smiled upon it, and in His gentle pity for sorrow, said to it:

"Because of your regret and pity for My suffering, I make you this promise -- never again shall the Dogwood tree grow large enough to be used for a cross. Henceforth it shall be slender and twisted and bent, and its blossoms shall be in the form of a cross -- two long petals and two short petals, and in the center of the outer edge of each petal there will be nail prints, brown with rust and stained with blood. And in the center of the flower there will be an image of a crown of thorns, and all who see it will remember that it was upon a Dogwood Tree that I was crucified, and this tree shall not be mutilated or destroyed, but cherished as a reminder of My Death upon the Cross."

There are many Dogwood Trees on the campus. When you see them in bloom in a few weeks, let them remind you of this legend.

Baby Clinic

Funds for Father Tom Curran's Health Clinic are coming in. From Badin Hall comes 300 pennies. A number of envelopes containing dollar bills have been slipped under the office door of the Prefect of Religion (117 Dillon). One envelope came with two quarters in it. All were anonymous. So this paragraph must suffice as an acknowledgment and word of appreciation.

Keep those dollars and silver pieces coming though. "Give alms out of thy substance, and turn not away thy face from any poor person, for so it shall come to pass that the face of the Lord shall not be turned from thee." (Tobias, IV, 7)

Any Old Duds?

A father of four children, one a cripple, has written to Notre Dame asking us to send him a few pieces of old clothing. We must call upon the student-body again for help, since our old clothes supply has dwindled down to nothing.

Look through your wardrobe tonight. Maybe you will find a few items that are no longer serviceable. Bring them over to the Pamphlet Room in Dillon Hall. Every article of clothing can be used: shoes, shirts, trousers, sweaters, coats, etc.

Your offering can be a prayer. So make an intention when you leave your castaways in Dillon.

Father Eugene Burke preaches tonight at  
Lenten Devotions -- 7:00 P.M.

