

Tonight, at 6:45,
Novena Devotions
in Main Church

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Tomorrow is the Saturday
for Fatima Devotions, in
private.

This Is Catholic Press Month

February is annually set aside as the month which focuses your attention on the part played by the printed word in the spread of the Faith. The apostolate of the press is bearing rich fruits in making the Church and its doctrines better understood -- not only among Catholics, but among those outside the Faith.

Here's A Perfect Example.

Last October, John Cogley wrote an article, "What Is A Catholic?" for Look Magazine (20 million readers). He did a masterful job on 24 questions that any non-Catholic might well ask about our Faith. It was re-printed in Reader's Digest (55 million readers). Obviously many millions of Americans read his answers to questions about a religion that has so many puzzling aspects to those on the outside looking in at us. Now, the Ave Maria is bringing it out in pamphlet form for future consumption.

Remember, John Cogley is a layman on the staff of Commonweal. So was Thomas Merton a layman when he wrote The Seven Storey Mountain. So is Henry Morton Robinson (The Cardinal). So is James M. O'Neill (Catholicism and American Freedom) who clobbered Paul Blanchard so thoroughly after the latter's attempt to vilify the Church in America. Here are Catholic laymen, writing of the Faith in a way that captivates the imagination of the American reading public. They did a shining service to the Church by using their pens in a glorious apostolate.

What Are You Doing

Don't ever think that priests have a monopoly on preaching the Faith. Indeed, there is a vast segment of America that avoids clerical contact as it would the plague. But this same crowd will not shy away from a layman; rather, it will devour a secular treatment of the same subject matter. Only you will ever come into contact with many of these minds. Often it is given to you to provide the authoritative material for their consumption. You should know what to say to them -- and what material to give them.

Can you give a reasonable account of the Faith that is in you? Your Catholic Press is continually striving to keep you well informed. Are you reading Catholic periodicals? They will enable you to discuss current questions intelligently. Are you aware that your clear, logical delineation of the Catholic Faith will prove points for receptive minds that wouldn't be caught dead in the shadow of a rectory? There could be good reason for your never becoming a writer -- but there's little excuse for your not being a reader, and thus another apostle. Your Lenten activities might well include the reading of Catholic literature.

PRAYERS Deceased: father of Charles Bennett of Howard; father of Henry Cross, a graduate student; father of Vic Kroeger, Off-Campus; father of Wm. G. Geyer, '52; father of Fr. Joseph Garvin, C.S.C.; father of Father Jerome Wilson, CSC; father of Fr. Jerome Lawyer, CSC; father of John Mahoney, Off-Campus; mother of George, '37, and Robert, '47 Penath; Henry Cross, George O'Dade; Edgar Hartnett; D. B. Hutton. Ill: grandmother of Anthony Mandolini of Alumni; Emmet Ryan; Mrs. Ray Gregory; father of Hugh Eray (critical); father of Charles Stalzer of Dillon; Nano Kelley; friend of Jim Richmond of Fisher; Lieut. Eugene Franz, USN, missing in Korea. 8 Special Intentions. Two thanksgivings.