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New Supply of Missals

A new supply of the popular St. Andrew's Missal has been received, and is available at the offices of the chaplains. This week, members of the Third Order will canvass the halls to establish classes for those who want to learn how to use the missal. Here's an opportunity for you to procure a prayerbook befitting a university mind; a book that will enable you to assist at Mass in an intelligent and social manner -- saying Mass with the priest. The books come to you at wholesale prices. The Third Order members will also inaugurate a Mass-serving class tonight in the Log Chapel at 7:30. And while it is edifying to see one priest serving the Mass of another priest, that shouldn't be necessary here at Notre Dame.. We can remember when serving Mass at summer resort chapels in an emergency was another indication that the young man was from Notre Dame -- a good advertisement.

Intention For October

"The Growth of the Lay Apostolate" is the general intention for the month of October recommended by Pope Pius XII for the Apostleship of Prayer -- add it to your Morning Offering prayer. The Lay Apostolate is the participation of the laity in the work of the hierarchy. Pope, bishops, clergy, Religious and all Catholics together have the responsibility of working with Christ in the task of saving the world. Some of us think we are doing our full duty if we go to Church on Sunday and go to the Sacraments! It's an indication we're thinking only of ourselves. We are inclined to leave to others -- those with vocations -- the task of bringing the world to Christ.

All Catholics together have a vocation -- the same vocation that Christ Himself fulfilled. Within that vocation there are special calls to the priesthood and to the Religious life. But every Catholic must be apostolic in his life, and especially in his prayers. He must desire and work for the salvation of others. This is the whole motivation of the Apostleship of Prayer. And there is this great advantage in belonging to it and being faithful to its practices -- namely that the member is daily fulfilling his vocation to work with Christ for the glory of God through the salvation of all souls.

What Of Your Hands !

In The Song of Bernadette, Hans Werfel gives a movingly beautiful description of the recitation of the beads by the poor peasant women of Lourdes. "The hands of poor, hard-working women," he writes, "have not the habit of stillness. A prayer with empty hands would be no proper observance for them. But the prayer of the Rosary is to them a sort of heavenly toil. The telling of the beads weaves a golden web with which someday Divine Compassion may cover a portion of our guilt. The lips say the words automatically, but the soul traverses the pasture of holiness. In spite of distraction the deep feeling of being at home and protected remains." Pray the Rosary this month. Someday, when death calls you for an accounting, you'll look good going to Judgment with heaping handfulls of Rosaries.

Prayers Requested

Deceased: uncle of Clem O'Neill of Morrissey; Joseph J. McCormick, '30;
Ill: Dr. Paul Duffy; grandmother of Maura Mills (athletic dept.); William E. Cotter, '13; mother of Mike Murphy of Howard; Jack McCarthy, '49; Joanne Machalski (polio); Marty O'Connor, '51 (polio). 2 Sp. Intentions.

Daily at 9 p.m., Monday thru Friday -- Recitation of the Rosary in the Lady Chapel.