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Tonight: The Lenten Series

Tonight, at 6:45 in Sacred Heart Church, we open the Lenten series of five Wednesday evening talks by Father James Doll, C.S.C. He's an interesting and able speaker who doesn't take long to say what he has on his mind. The brief sermon will be followed by Benediction.

And lest you think this Lenten Series might in any way hamper your activities for the evening, you might like to know that you will be on the road by 7:15, wiser and happier in the knowledge that you are keeping faith with the Lenten Season at Notre Dame. All other activities are designed to wait until this service is over.

Why These Extra Devotions?

It's our way of making up for the dispensations we enjoy during Lent. When we asked for our dispensations, the Most Reverend Archbishop granted our requests on the condition that we substitute other pious works. He suggested the Lenten Devotions as a most fitting substitute. For you there may be in these devotions the likely element of penance. If so, make it a point to be there because this is the season of penance. Remember: we are all obligated to penance of some sort, these days.

Who knows -- this may be your last penitential season. Along about this time, last year, some Dillonites were called into Eternity very suddenly, you will recall. For the man who is ready, it makes little difference when he is called. If you are keeping Lent wisely and well, you have nothing to worry about, either. Good men fear neither life nor death.

A Season For Crosses

These are the days to recall the words of the Cure of Ars: "We ought to run after crosses as the miser runs after gold. The cross is the only thing that will give us confidence on the day of judgment. When that day comes how happy we will be in our miseries, how proud of our humiliations, how rich in our sacrifices!"

About Almsgiving

There is a story told of a pleasant old gentleman's being served by the only clerk in the liquor store. Every time the clerk mentioned the price of a Scotch, the old gentleman would repeat the price, double it, and ask for a cheaper brand. Finally he made his choice.

"Sir," the clerk said, "would you mind telling me why you always doubled the figure I quoted you? Were you thinking of two bottles?"

"Not at all. You see the way I look at it, the Lord is entitled to just as much as the devil. Every time I make an investment in some form of vice, I match it dollar for dollar with a donation to my church. That way the Lord gets an even break, and it makes sinning so expensive I can't afford much of it."

As penitential works the Bible mentions prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. You might remember this: it's something to keep in mind these days -- on Sunday morning, too, when the basket is passed in church!

PRAYERS -- Deceased: Ray Durst, Jr., ex-'53; friend of Ken Donadio of Sorin; uncle of Bill McCullough of Alumni; uncle of Bob Richard of Sorin. Ill: friend of John Pitarresi of Alumni; friend of Leo Schlotfeldt of Cavanaugh. 3 Special Intentions.