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"The incomparable riches which God deposits in our souls with the gift of Faith are the motive for immense gratitude.

"What will we offer to the Lord in exchange for this Divine gift, other than the homage of the spirit, if not our zeal to diffuse among men the splendor of Divine truth?

*"The MISSIONS of today still expect from the Catholic world the three-fold assistance of . . . **PRAYER** **GENEROSITY** and from some **THE GIFT OF THEMSELVES**"*

THESE WORDS....spoken recently by His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, have borne fruit in the minds of a group of Holy Cross missionaries--priests, brothers and sisters--who THIS evening will take leave of their friends and families before departing for East Pakistan and Uganda to carry on the missionary tradition of the Church and the Congregation of Holy Cross: When the bells of Sacred Heart Church ring out at 7:30 this evening, interrupt your work for a few

minutes, assemble in Sacred Heart Church to pray for the success of these modern-day apostles.

FOLLOWING THE NINE O'CLOCK Mass in Keenan-Stanford chapel next Sunday, the residents of St. Edward's Hall will lay a wreath at the statue of St. Edward, commemorating Father Sorin's patron saint and the annual observance of Founder's Day. Meanwhile, across the campus, Sorinites following a nine o'clock Mass will place a wreath at the Sorin statue on the main quadrangle.

OCTOBER 13-19 HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS Scapular Week. If you have never been enrolled in the scapular, or if you need a new scapular, see one of the Prefects of Religion.

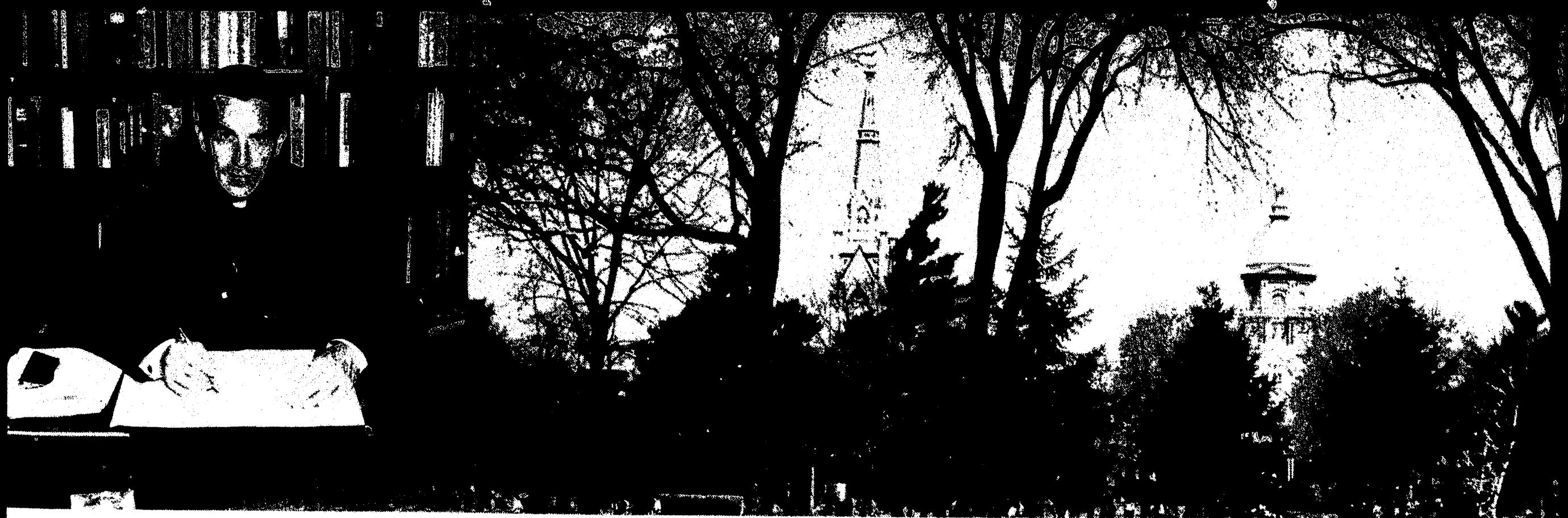
TOMORROW MORNING, WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE EVERY CATHOLIC STUDENT ATTEND MASS AND RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF POPE PIUS XII.

DECEASED

HIS HOLINESS POPE PIUS XII

Also: Rev. John J. Lane, C.S.C.; father of Tom Plofchan of Walsh; father of Thomas J. Lee of Alumni; father of Bill Scheckler of Pangborn; aunt of Clay Paschen of Sorin; father of Sr. M. Marina, BVM; brother of Prof. Sheehan of Economics Dept.; Mrs. Kathryn Mulcahy

ILL: Friend of Chris Lund of Cavanaugh; Harry Ambrose, '25; grandmother of Tom McCusker of Keenan; friend of Tom De Pretoro of Cavanaugh. One special intention.



BEFORE THE SEEMINGLY ORANGE-COLORED summer palace in the Alban hills, eighteen miles outside Rome, the little people knelt in the cobblestone plaza and prayed; Church dignitaries hurried up the cyprus-lined drive; and Swiss guards in medieval uniforms leaned upon their halberds, maintaining their death-watch in the face of lengthening hours. The hard-breathing, but ever-so-frail and aged, man had prayed earlier in the day that, if it were God's will, he would prefer that death should come quickly rather than impede the work of the Church

SO, AT 9:52 P.M. CDT SOUTH BEND time, death came to the saintly Pontiff, Pope Pius XII. With the holy oils, the body was then anointed by the Monsignor Sacristan. A Jesuit staff-member of Vatican radio station HVJ announced to its listeners four minutes later that the Pope was truly dead! In Rome, it was 3:52 A.M. this morning. Here, it was still Wednesday night, just about check-time. Within fifteen minutes, WSND was airing a campus-wide recitation of the rosary for the repose of the first Pontiff in history to ever set foot on the Notre Dame campus.

THE HOLY FATHER'S VISIT HERE was made while he was still Papal Secretary of State. It was October 25, 1936. At a special convocation in Washington Hall, Father Carrico, the director of studies, said in part: "The University of Notre Dame at this special convocation of the faculty on the great feast of Christ the King, is most happily privileged in announcing the conferring of the degree of Doctor of Letters honoris causa, on: A prince of the Church, eminent by position and by achievement, an ecclesiastical statesman and diplomat who, in an

era of world conflict, has done much toward the conciliation of warring peoples and good understanding between governments and the universal Church--His Eminence, Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli, Secretary of State to His Holiness, Pope Pius XI.

BY THIS CEREMONY, the prelate who was so soon to ascend the throne of St. Peter, became, in a very real sense, a member of the Notre Dame family, and entitled to our very special prayers.

WE ARE ASKING THAT EVERY CATHOLIC STUDENT ATTEND MASS IN HIS HALL CHAPEL OR SACRED HEART CHURCH AND RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION TOMORROW FOR THE REPOSE OF THE HOLY FATHER. TAKE EVERY NECESSARY MEASURE TO GUARANTEE THAT YOU AND YOUR ROOM-MATE WILL COOPERATE IN THIS CAMPUS-WIDE EFFORT. LET THERE BE NO REASON, NO EXCUSE, STAND IN THE WAY OF YOUR TURNING OUT. CONFESSIONS, REMEMBER, ARE HEARD NIGHTLY IN THE HALL CHAPELS AND AT THE OFFICES OF THE PREFECTS OF RELIGION.

FOR NINE DAYS the Church will be in mourning. Let this time be a time of special prayers for the repose of the soul of the greatest man of this generation.

MEANTIME, the Church will be praying often:

"O God, Who by Thine unspeakable providence wast pleased to number Thy servant Pius among the Supreme Pontiffs; grant, we beseech Thee, that he who reigned as the vicar of Thy Only-begotten Son on earth, may be united with Thy holy Pontiffs forevermore. Through our Lord."

Gene Boorman, c.c.
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