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The CONFRATERNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (or of Our Lady of Lourdes)

Established at Notre Dame in 1874

Affiliated with the Archconfraternity at Lourdes

INDULGENCES

All enrolled members may gain a Plenary Indulgence on the following days:

On the day of their admission to the Confraternity.

At the hour of death (if they have confessed with truly contrite hearts and have been strengthened by Holy Communion; or when unable to do this, if, at least contrite, they invoke the name of Jesus, aloud if possible, or in the heart).

Members may also gain a Plenary Indulgence on each of the following feasts of the Blessed Virgin:

February 2nd, The Purification.

March 25th, The Annunciation.

August 15th, The Assumption.

September 8th, The Nativity.

December 8th, The Immaculate Conception, or any one of the seven days immediately following December 8th.

The ordinary conditions for gaining a Plenary Indulgence are Confession, Communion, visit to a church or public oratory, and prayers for the intention of the Holy Father (one Pater, Ave and Gloria are sufficient).

PURPOSE

Our Blessed Mother appeared eighteen times in 1858 to a little girl named Bernadette, at Lourdes in Southern France. She appealed to men to live more virtuous lives and to honor her Immaculate Conception.

At the place of these apparitions, a grotto or large cave cut into a hill, Our Lady caused a spring of water to flow miraculously. Many who touched or were touched by the water were cured of bodily diseases and deformities. The water still flows, and cures of all descriptions are frequent today. But even other favors, both spiritual and temporal, have been granted by Our Lady at Lourdes and elsewhere, because of devotion shown to her and to her Immaculate Conception.

ADVANTAGES

1. Our Lady of Lourdes blesses all who spread the story of her love, goodness, and power. She makes them better Christians, she quickly hears their petitions, and she gives them an abundance of spiritual and temporal blessings. At times she even works miracles for those who honor her.

2. All members of the Confraternity share in the blessings of a Mass offered daily at Lourdes for their intentions.

3. All members share in the prayers Confraternity members offer for one another.

OBLIGATIONS

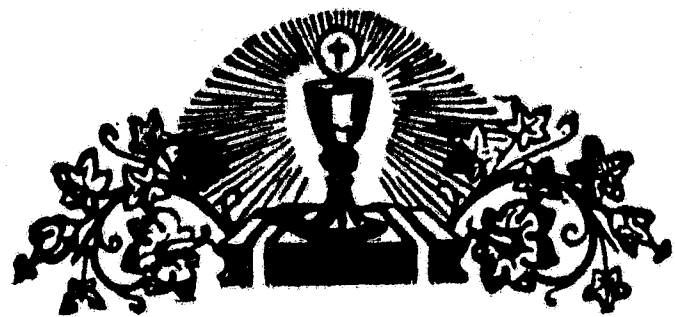
1. TO HONOR OUR LADY OF LOURDES.
2. TO TELL THE STORY OF LOURDES
3. TO IMITATE OUR LADY

4. TO PRAY TO OUR LADY, by saying daily and frequently the ejaculation, "O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee," especially when tempted and in need; by occasional private Novenas when seeking favors and in thanksgiving. Members are to make a Novena in preparation for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, February 11, and are to assist at Mass and receive Holy Communion on that day, if possible.

HOW TO BE ENROLLED: Send full name and address to Lourdes, Notre Dame, Indiana. All names are inscribed on the Register of the Confraternity. All are lifetime memberships. OR, STOP IN AT THE PAMPHLET ROOM IN DILLON, AND FILL OUT AN ENROLLMENT CARD.

AN INTERESTING QUESTION that frequently comes up is this. "Father, I'm not sure how to go about it, but what do I have to do or how do I go about having a Mass said for a friend of mine? And is there any charge for this?" When at home, go to your pastor and request that a Mass be said for your intention. In some dioceses, the amount of the stipend is \$2.00, in others it is \$1.00. The stipend for a High Mass is usually \$5.00. The stipend is not a charge, however. It is a contribution, the acceptance of which imposes upon the priest the grave obligation of justice to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the intention of the one making the contribution. Masses may be requested, and a Mass card may be obtained from the Prefect of Religion, in his office, 116 Dillon.


UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL carried the story. It went like this. The new Pope's younger sister had been shopping, and as she walked home the parish priest stopped her and said, "Your brother is the Pope!" She was stunned, and her eyes filled with tears. "I remember", she said, "when it came time for him to go to the seminary. The parish priest told our mother, 'The boy must have something to take with him to the seminary.' Mother left the house and went around to the houses of our friends. In the evening she returned, walked into the room, and put 2 lire--all she could collect--on the table. She burst into tears." (One lire is worth about 1/6 of a cent.)



Deceased:

Father of Joe Mulloy; grandfather of Jerry Leppek of Badin; cousin of Charles, '58 and Roger Kilb of Dillon; mother of Brother James Francis, F.S.C.; mother of Dr. Peretti of the Metallurgy Dept.

Ill: Mother of Charles, Lw '55, Patrick, '57, and Thomas, ex '58, Sheerin.



WE GOT AROUND TO discussing friendship the other day in our seminar. We had read the Confessions of St. Augustine, and in the discussion someone suggested that one of the advantages of a Notre Dame education is that many lasting friendships are begun here. Someone questioned the basis of friendship. Someone quoted St. Augustine: "Blessed is the man that loves Thee, O God, and his friend in Thee". Maybe, someone added, this is not the basis of some of the friendships formed here. Maybe the basis is rather a seeking for satisfaction of some sort. Knowing, for instance, that someone will "hang down his head and cry" with you. Knowing, for instance, that this "buddy" won't call you on your indecent speech, etc.

According to Mr. Emerson, there are two elements that go into the composition of friendship. One is TRUTH. So, your friend should be one with whom you may be honest, sincere. When a man is by himself, he will nearly always be sincere. When he is with others, frequently he will tend to be something he is not, and he will take cover in hoisting a few, idle gossip, and groundless compliments. But, a friend will entertain without requiring that the other mask himself. The second element of friendship is CONSIDERATENESS, aid and comfort through all the relations and passages of life and death. One another's daily needs are dignified and embellished by the courage, wisdom, and unity friendship provides.

When two men are talking together, says Emerson, one may hear, but three cannot take part in a conversation of the most sincere and searching sort. When a group gathers around a table or in a room they merge their egotism into a "social soul" coextensive with the several personalities present. In this situation, frequently only he speaks

who can shout loudest or who is content to comment on everything in general. Great conversation is excluded by the very nature of the situation.

Pleasing though bull sessions may be, still friendship is an alliance of two, who are convinced that greatness and goodness are always to be sought after; an alliance of two "large, formidable natures, mutually beheld, mutually feared, before they yet recognize the deep identity which beneath these disparities, unites them. If it is otherwise, you may be the friend of your friend's Brooks Brothers suit, but not of his thoughts.

In short, let's not make the mistake of confusing an emotion for a state of will. If your feelings become detached from your reason and will then they might just possibly become substitutes for worthy action rather than incentives to it. The necessity of friendship in our lives is not a necessity for a feeling towards every other person as towards oneself or even as towards one's buddies, but rather to actively recognize the sanctity and claim of selfhood in all men. We must be friendly toward all men, not because of any lovable qualities they may possess, but because each is a person, capable of experiencing happiness and misery, and possessed of the power of choice. The person towards whom you may be drawn as a friend should be one towards whom and from whom you will exercise and receive fraternal correction, such bodily works of mercy as lending money, and such spiritual works of mercy as prayer, good counsel, rebuking for sinful actions. These are the external evidences of friendship. Within the soul, true friendship also has an effect, namely, joy in spiritual things and peace of soul and MERCY.

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