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GO OUT OF THE WAY a few steps tomorrow or Wednesday, and make it a point to stop off at the Log Chapel for a prayer. It was there, tradition has it, that Father Sorin first knelt down to pray upon arrival here That was 116 years ago, come Wednesday. We present here the words of Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, taken from his sermon at the centenary Mass:

Notre Dame, Our Lady, through whose portals of the flesh the Eternal Word came into history, be the portals through which the Word will become flesh in the lives and hearts and souls of America.

Notre Dame, who has been loved by more than any woman who ever lived, continue to be the patroness of the University, who has more alumni than it ever had students, more devotion than it has enrollment, and more sons than it ever begot.

Notre Dame, as in the beginning thou wert a living ciborium that once housed the great Captain Christ, so be now the House of Gold with a Dome of Gold, to welcome those whom That Son called His brethren, the Church calls her children, and whom thou dost call Notre Dame men—Our Lady's men.

— Fulton J. Sheen, LL.D. '41

YOUR PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED FOR THE following who are deceased:

Friend of Ed Hanna of Pangborn; grandfather of John Dwyer of Farley; grandfather of Herb Moeller of Dillon; Mrs. C.R. Anthony.

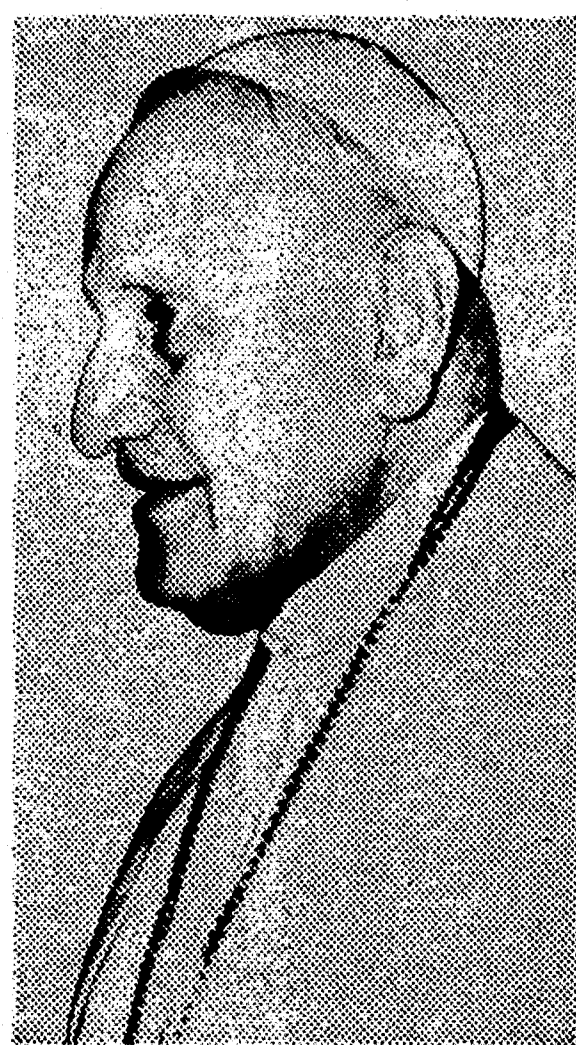
Our Lady of Fatima **RETREAT HOUSE**
NOTRE DAME

SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 7-10 CLOSED RETREAT FOR NOTRE DAME STUDENTS. ANY WHO WISH TO MAKE THIS RETREAT SHOULD SIGN UP WITH THE PREFECT OF RELIGION AT ONCE.



TOMORROW is the 77th birthday of Our Holy Father, Pope John. A Mass will be offered for the intention of the Pope tomorrow afternoon in Sacred Heart Church at 5:10. In accord with the request of Our Holy Father that we pray for him, all are urged to be mindful of the many blessings he will require in the discharge of his new duties as Vicar of Christ. If possible, try to attend the Mass tomorrow in Sacred Heart Church, or attend Mass in your hall chapel.




Pope John XXIII

MANY OF YOU will be setting out for home on Wednesday. Better set aside a minute to say this Prayer:

GIVE EAR, we pray thee, Lord, to our entreaties! And direct the steps of thy servants on the paths of righteousness, that in all the vicissitudes of the journey and of life, we may have thee as our constant protector.

THE LATE daily Masses in Sacred Heart Church on Thanksgiving Day, and on the following Friday and Saturday, will be offered at 9:30 and 10:30 A.M. Holy Communion will be distributed in Dillon, Howard, Keenan-Stanford, and Cavanaugh until 9:30 A.M., and in Sacred Heart Church until noon. There will be no 5:10 P.M. Mass on Thursday and Friday.

AGAIN, sincere thanks to another student who sent along a gift for the Holy Cross Missions—"...an overdue act of thanksgiving for a favor received through the intercession of Our Lady."



YOUR SOUL expresses its condition in every part and movement of your body. But, in a very special way do your hands express the condition of your soul. They are actually the mirror of your soul. The Church tells us that God gave them to us in order that we might "carry our souls in them".


GUARDINI insists that

After the face, the hand is the most spiritual part of the body. It is truly firm and strong, as the tool for work, as the weapon for attack or defence; formed with many joints, flexible and penetrated with sensitive nerves of feeling. It is truly a machine through which man can reveal his soul. By the hand we welcome others and join souls when we join hands--and with this act we express trust, joy, agreement, sympathy.

WHEN YOU FOLD YOUR HANDS in prayer, this, says Guardini, bespeaks firm control. It is as though you placed bound within the hands of God the very hands you must rely on for your defense.

YOUR HANDS, however, can also speak of your attachment to sin. They can speak of intemperate searchings, of sloth, of distraction, and of other sinful habits.

ON THURSDAY afternoon or evening you will join your hands in prayer--many of you in your dining room at home, and with your family--prior to a dinner of turkey and all the things you like to eat, the way you like them prepared. While you are praying, look across the table, and perhaps you will see that in preparing the meal your mother has burned or cut her hand--another reminder to her of all that her hands have done for you. And, too, a reminder to you of how long you were dependent upon those hands of hers.



MAYBE, before you're too far lost in the cranberry sauce and mince pie, you should also glance down at your father's hands, the hands that have husbanded the funds which made possible not only your turkey dinner, but also your trip home and your attendance here at school. Thank God that those hands corrected you when you needed correcting, and applauded you when you deserved to be applauded.

YOUR LITTLE BROTHER may pummel you until you tell him how this annual day of thanksgiving began to be observed in our country. Tell him it didn't catch on overnight. Tell him that as late as 1881, Cardinal Gibbons appealed to his people to respond to the annual Thanksgiving proclamation which had been started by President Lincoln. The Cardinal pointed out:

Although the Church every day through the voice of her ministers returns thanks to God for His manifold gifts, there are special times and occasions when we should render to Him a more public and solemn recognition for the spiritual and temporal favors which He vouchsafes to us. A fitting occasion will be presented to us for offering to God the homage of our adoration and gratitude on Thursday, a day especially recommended for public and national thanksgiving by the Chief Magistrate of the nation.

LET YOUR FOLDED HANDS this Thanksgiving day signify the day-to-day condition of your soul, a condition of recognizing ever the dependence of your family and yourself upon God, and your obligation to thank Him for the many divine blessings both you and your family enjoy.

John Boorman, C.S.C.
Prefect of Religion