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THE DAYS are passing swiftly. If you are planning to send any Christmas cards, you had better borrow a dollar from your old dependable "roomie", hustle down the hall, and pick up a box from your hall spiritual commissioner. He is helping the Mission Society over at Moreau Seminary, and if he does not have the cards on hand, he can get them for you quickly. Or, stop at the office of the Prefect of Religion in Dillon.

JIM MERZ OF YCS has scheduled what promises to be a good retreat this week-end at St. Joseph's Hall. Open to all, registration should be taken care of at the YCS office up above the Huddle before tomorrow evening. Retreatants will gather at the YCS office Saturday evening, December 13, and go over to St. Joseph's Hall together. Starting time is 7:00 P.M. The charge will be \$2.50 per person. The Retreat-master will be Father Charles Harris, C.S.C. Take along your missal and a note-book. Check out Saturday night with your Rector. You can plan on being back on campus about 5:00 P.M. Sunday evening. If you can't make it this week-end, keep in mind that there will be other retreats on February 15, March 22, and May 3.

● FRIDAY MORNING AT 9:30, the Mass will be offered for the children who died in the Chicago school fire--and for their parents. All have been affected by this tragedy. Some of you came around and asked where you could send contributions. One group asked for this Mass.

● SENIORS WILL RECALL that the following Friday, December 19, marks the first anniversary of Ray Bulleri's death en-route to Phoenix for Christmas. In your charity, try to get to Mass that morning and pray for his folks as this first anniversary comes up. What's more, it's once again the day of the homeward trek for the holidays. Pray that all arrive safely.

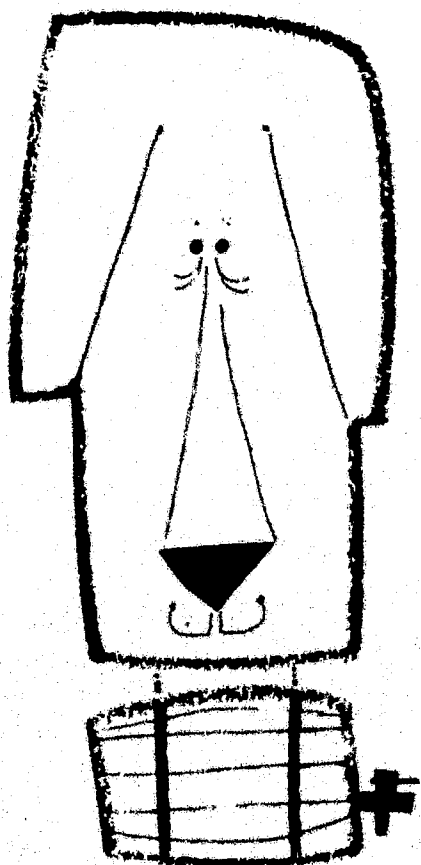
AND SPEAKING OF THE FOLKS, how are you doing on the Novena for Parents? You didn't send the Novena card home ("....because the folks like that sort of thing") and then forget to make the Novena. Or did you? Whatever you did, take a look at these words of Father Judge:

*The diligent father, the watchful mother, the prayerful parent,
Those parents who love their children truly in God,
Those parents who have a conscious conviction
regarding their parental authority,
Those parents who are bringing up their children to God,
they are the ornaments of the Church . . .
God looks to the family for His saints.
The Church looks to the family for its priests and
faithful servants.
Society looks to the family for those who will promote
a healthy civic interest . . .
The strength of our nation does not lie
in its navies, nor
in its armies, nor
in the resources of our money changers.
It lies in our family life . . .
The family is the foundation of the social edifice . . .
If that foundation is cracked,
If that foundation is not well grounded,
There is no stability for the edifice of State . . .
the family is the simplest, the loveliest, the most beautiful,
the truest of all governments.
Its rulers (are) the parents,
Its subjects (are) the children,
Its laws (are) conjugal piety and love . . .
Its constitutions are the Ten Commandments, particularly
the first commandment, the third commandment,
and the fourth commandment,
All conspiring to the highest of all deeds, all purposes,
the honor and glory of God . . .
That is family life.*

● TODAY IS THE DAY Notre Dame's former President, Cardinal-Designate O'Hara, along-with the new Cardinals Cushing and Cicognani, begins the journey to Rome and the consistory which will see him elevated to the dignity of Prince of the Church. Aid him on his way with a prayer.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ALSO REQUESTED for the following: Deceased: Uncle of John McLaughlin of Cavanaugh; friend of Dan Castro, Off-campus. Ill: Brother of John Reisert of Dillon (critical); nephew of Paul Doherty of Sorin. Also, one special intention.

*** GLORY TO GOD *** IN THE HIGHEST ***



THESE TEN-BELOW, nose-reddening days might prompt most anyone to keep an eye peeled for a big dog with a little cask.

HOWEVER, anyone who occasionally asks a question more profound than "Whose deal?" or "What's trump?" will be interested in this big deal I want to tell you all about.

YOU WON'T OFTEN catch me making a pitch. But today I am. Since the magazine called APOSTOLIC PERSPECTIVES started coming to my desk, I've been impressed with its variety and depth. Granted, it's not what you'd call a "popular" magazine. It isn't what you'd call a "scholarly" magazine, either. It is a magazine for the thinking Catholic, for the Catholic who has a healthy curiosity about what's taking place in the world today, for the Christian with an honest interest in relating his faith realistically to life.

TO GIVE A LITTLE BETTER idea of what this magazine, APOSTOLIC PERSPECTIVES, is all about, each issue is developed around a central theme. The theme is elaborated in several articles. Then, there is an analysis, through reports, interviews, and correspondence, of current developments in education, the family, Catholic Action, the liturgy, arts and letters, the missions, and Christian unity. And finally, there is a book-review section featuring extended reviews of significant books.

YOU'LL FIND that the publishers of this

magazine aren't afraid to tackle controversial issues. This is in keeping with its concern for the "world-outlook" the Catholic must have today. The upcoming issue, for example, is about "Religious Unity Today". It will feature articles on "Ecumenical Attitudes", "Jews and Christians", "Jews in the World--A Report", "The Orthodox Churches--A Report", and "The Mystery of the Church". In the Round-up Department, in this same issue, you will find reports on the Church in Mexico, Progress in Japan, Letters from Canada and from Paris. There is a report on the Catholic Writer's Dilemma; also, on the Social Sciences Today, the State of the West, Missionary Challenges Today, etc. And there are interviews with Arthur Cohen, John Cogley, Mike Phenner, and the editors of the Protestant bi-weekly, Christianity and Crisis.

SEE IF YOU can't scare up the special student subscription price for yourself. It's only \$2.00. Your subscription can begin with either the current issue on "Religious Education", or with the issue on "Religious Unity Today", described above. Future issues will be concerned with "Segregation Issues", "Education, Religion, and Art", "Christian Maturity".

DON'T BE mislead by the ad-man's making the S in Christmas a \$. Guarantee that Christmas will be the rebirth of Christ in you. APOSTOLIC PERSPECTIVES could well be the means of achieving this.

YOU can order your subscription(s) from Box 596, Notre Dame, Indiana. If you are broke the editors will bill you.

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