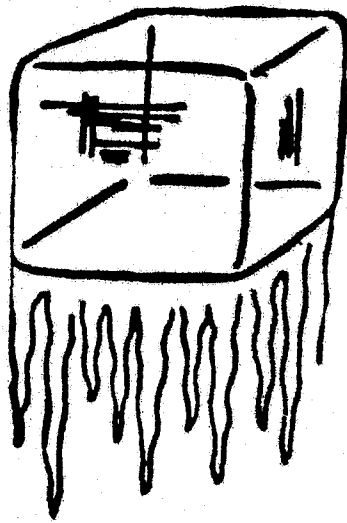


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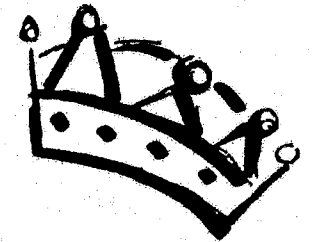
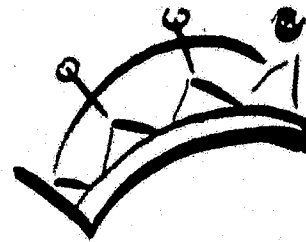


WITH TRAVEL and weather conditions as poor as they are, be sure you say "Thanks" to the good Lord for your safe return. A good time to do it might be this evening at 5:10, when we resume the daily evening Mass in Sacred Heart Church.

● FOR ANYONE still drafting New Year's resolutions, this suggestion. To restore everything in Christ! In the light of the Christmas star which still gleams above the Bethlehem scene in Sacred Heart Church, resolve to see the things of your daily use in a new light.

● TOMORROW is the feast of Epiphany--the manifestation of the Saviour to the Gentiles. On this day, gold and frankincense are blessed in church in memory of the symbolic gifts of the Magi; gold to be offered for sacred vessels in the church, incense to be burnt at divine worship. Chalk is also blessed, and over the lintel of the church door the initials of the three kings are written, alongwith the year of Our Lord: 19 K + M + B + 59. This is intended to be a reminder to us that we too should be ready to leave everything and to follow the star of the Nativity. It is also a reminder of our obligation to profess the divinity of Christ and his Kingship.


PLEASE REMEMBER the following in your prayers: Deceased: Charles I. Coy, '37; mother of Rev. John J., '30 and Peter J. Hill, '33; father of Peter Zak of Breen-Phillips; Msgr. John M. Walsh; Miles J. Devine, ex'29; uncle of Joseph Ryan of Fisher; mother of Herbert F. Clark, '44; Daniel G. Sutolovic, '48; uncle of David Christian of Pangborn; friend of Greg Holtz of Morrissey. Ill: Friend of Pat Dubbs of Badin; John Urbanic; Brother Alcuin, C.S.C.



## EPIPHANY

POPE SAINT LEO

IT IS BUT a few days since the solemnity of the birth of Christ, and the world is already illuminated by the feast of His manifestation. On this feast day the world acknowledges Him who was born of a Virgin on the former feast. The Word made flesh so ordained His manifestation that as a new-born Infant He would be known to believers, but hidden from persecutors. Already on Christmas the heavens were resplendent with the glory of God, and the sound of His truth went forth to all the earth, when an army of Angels appeared to the shepherds as messengers of the new-born Savior and the guiding star began leading the Magi to adore Him. Let us acknowledge, beloved brethren, in the adoration of the Magi the first sign of our calling and of our faith; and let us celebrate with glad hearts the beginnings of our blessed hope. From now on we enter our eternal heritage; and the truth . . . casts its light on all nations. Let us fittingly honor this most sacred day on which the Author of our salvation appeared. He whom the Magi worshipped as an Infant in a crib we will adore as omnipotent King of heaven; and as from their treasury they gave mystical gifts to the Lord, so let us also from the treasury of our hearts offer gifts that are worthy of God.



WHAT WITH just about every sportswriter in the country aiming an endless barrage of criticism at this old school, most of you must have returned feeling you had been through two weeks of public penance. Cheer up! Exams are coming up fast, and some of you won't have time to read a newspaper, let alone be disturbed by the sports-page.

ONE REMARK in particular, though, I know I'll remember for a long time to come. And I'll not deny that for a few minutes it left me hot around the collar. You probably read it. It was nationally syndicated, and it went like this. "They (i.e. the Fathers) were often embarrassed by winning. Now they seem unable to stomach an occasional defeat."

ACTUALLY, I thought about this remark for several days. I thought about it while watching Norm Odyniec giving a great performance for the folks down in Mobile.

HOWEVER, such an occasion as this does afford a good test of one's internal attitude of mind. If that attitude is what it should be--kindly and sympathetic toward all--then, our words and reaction will be charitable.

ST. BENEDICT has some suggestions that might be helpful in developing the kind of attitude one should have in a situation such as this. In his Rule, he admonishes the good man:

- Not to harbor a desire for revenge.
- Not to foster guile in one's heart.
- Not to make a feigned peace.
- Not to forsake charity.
- Not to give way to anger.
- To do no wrong to anyone; to bear patiently wrong done to oneself.
- Not to love strife.

nize that we are all brothers, and that God is our Father ruling over us all. And, if we realize this, the justification for any anger, or antagonism, or hatred should disappear.

BUT, WE WHO HAVE received the gift of Faith have an added reason for dispelling any tendency to anger or anything that might disrupt the social order. For we believe that all who partake of the Body of Christ become one in Him, just as the many grains of wheat become one bread and the many grapes become one wine.

AND WHILE I wouldn't for a minute suggest that being clawed by most of the country's sportswriters is a predicament comparable to that of the early Christians thrown to the lions, but sometimes the friction of our relations with one another, and the sufferings of this life can take on the aspect of a grinding process by which we become better able to be assimilated into the body of Christ. If we look upon this, or any, tribulation as a means of purification and refinement, then, what seems an unendurable situation becomes no more than a passing cloud, black and heavy perhaps, but passing nevertheless, and bringing in its wake a sunny day.

THE LAW OF CHARITY requires that we try to cooperate with others, showing them the way to achieve the best of which man is capable. If we are consistent in living a life characterized by charity, then, we will rule out anger and animosity. And we will become a yet more powerful force for good.

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ONE NEED NOT BE a philosopher to recog-