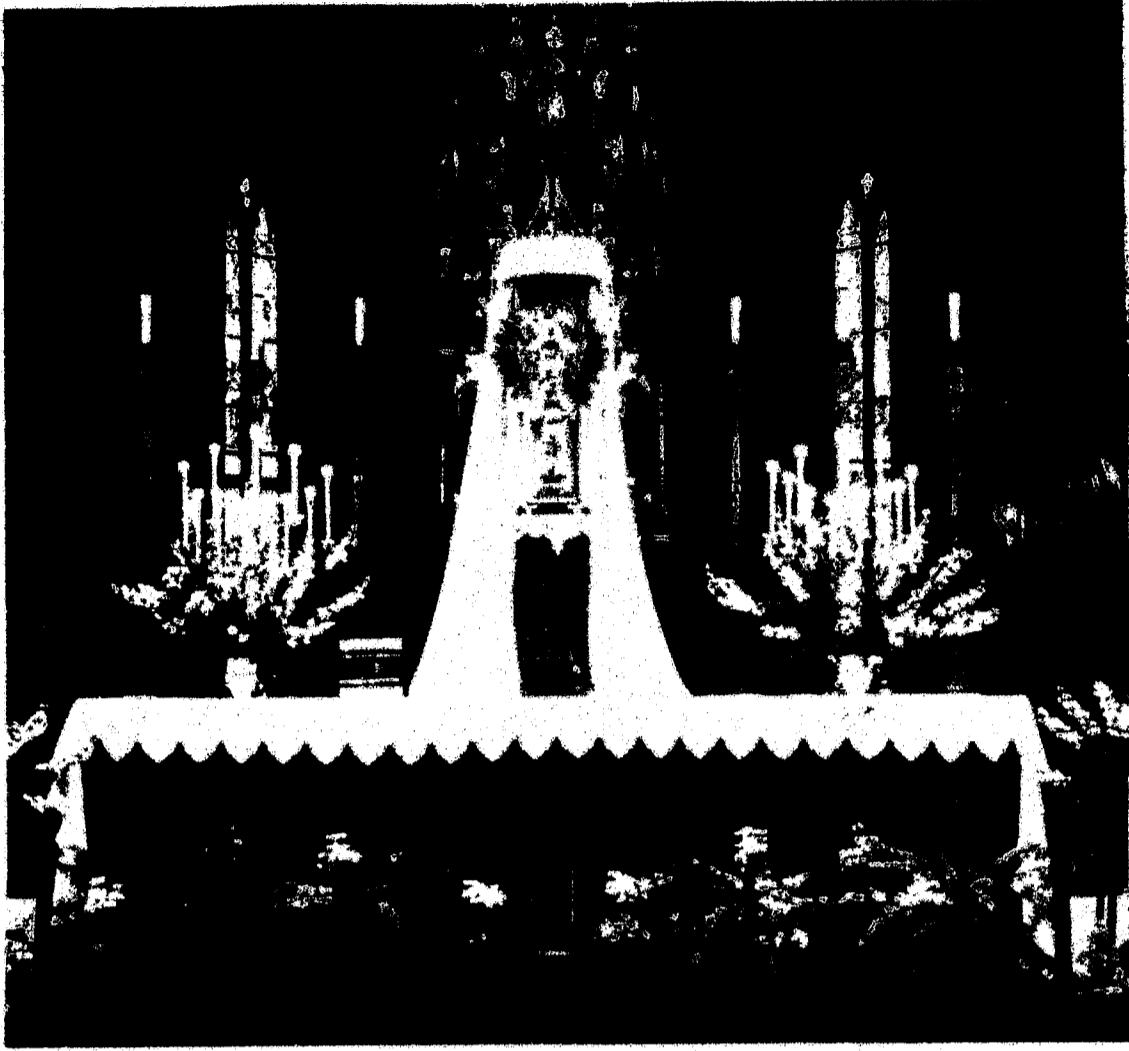


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The Forty Hours' Devotion to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist is the most beautiful and fruitful of all Catholic devotions. The entire life of the Church is pivoted about its Eucharistic God. The Blessed Sacrament is the sacred fount whence flow oceans of life-giving grace to the thirsting troubled souls of men.

● TONIGHT and tomorrow night at 6:45, let's see if we can't get just as big a crowd assembled in the Church as must have been assembled in the corral-like TV rooms around campus last night. Forget about your hero's being unhorsed by a declining Trendex. When the bells ring, take off for Sacred Heart Church. Services lasted twenty-five minutes last night. The same will be true tonight.

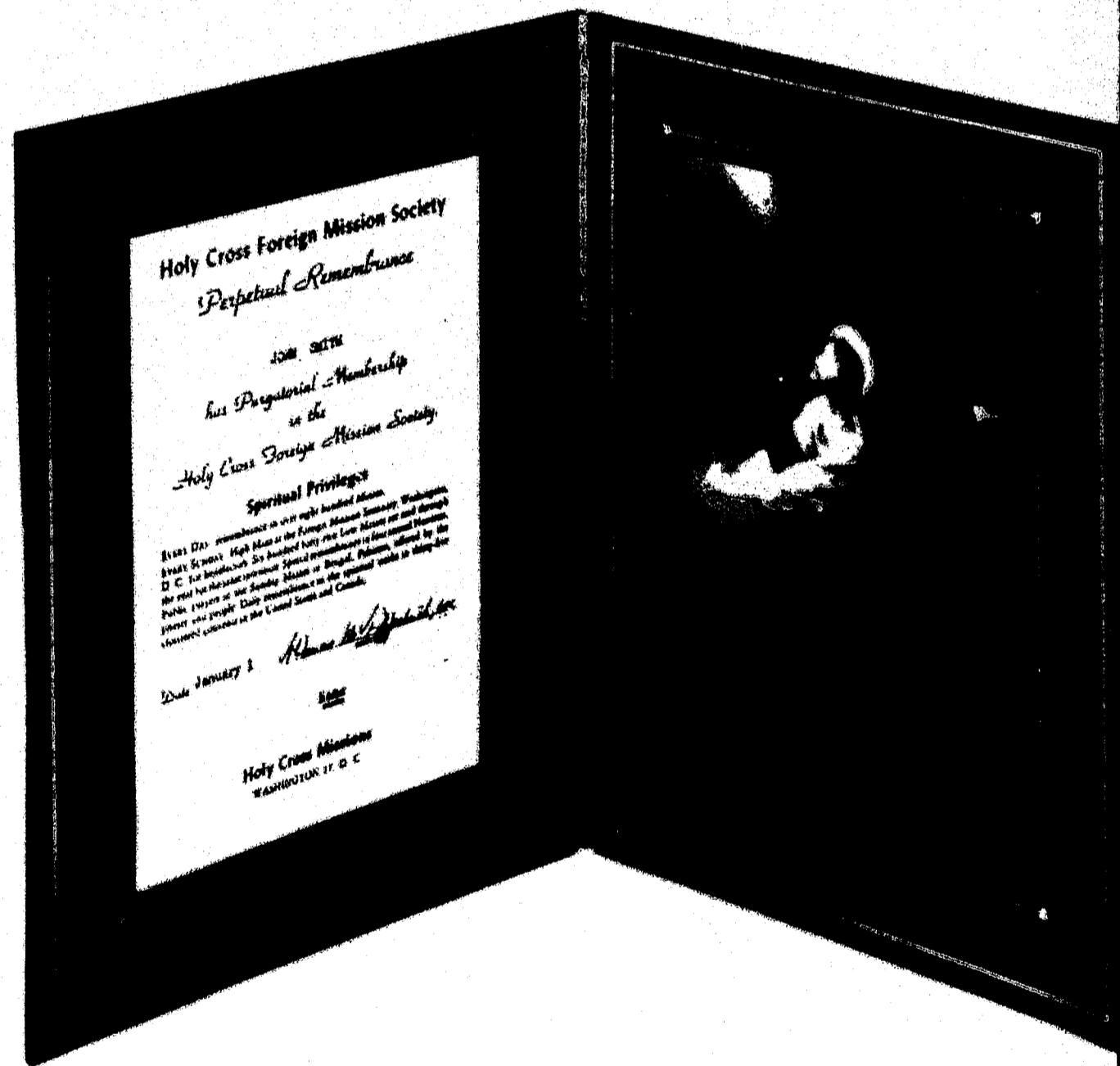
● TUESDAY NIGHT, we will close the Forty Hours Devotion. In planning to be on hand at the Drill Hall for the closing hours of Mardi Gras, just be sure you don't cheat the Lord. Allow time for attending the ceremonies in Sacred Heart Church, beginning at 6:45.

● WEDNESDAY IS ASH WEDNESDAY. It's time you lined up your Lenten resolutions. If your plans call for Daily Mass and Holy Communion, make your confession TONIGHT in Keenan, or Howard, or Dillon. Don't wait until Wednesday morning and be disappointed.


● DAILY, DURING LENT, there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Lady Chapel in Sacred Heart Church, from Noon until 4:45. Benediction daily, Monday through Friday, at 4:45.

● THERE ARE STILL ten places available for those who may wish to make a closed Retreat at the Fatima Retreat House beginning February 15 and continuing until the morning of the 18th. Those interested should contact Don Gillies in 327 Walsh.

● SOME HAVE INQUIRED recently whether there is a Holy Cross Purgatorial Society in which deceased persons might be enrolled. There is, and these are the benefits: 1) Every day--remembrance in over 800 Masses; 2) Every Sunday--remembrance in a High Mass; 3) Every Year--remembrance in four novenas. Membership in the Society can be acquired by an offering of \$5.00. Send the name of the person to be enrolled and your offering to Holy Cross Missions, Washington 17, D.C.



● YOUR PRAYERS have been requested for the following: Deceased: Grandmother of Ed Kennedy of Pangborn; uncle of Tom Kane of Dillon; aunt of Ed Burke of Farley; mother-in-law of Mr. Richard Willem of the Developmental Reading Dept.; grandfather of John Sullivan of Badin; Jules Goldstein, '95. Ill: Grandmother of Tom Kane of Dillon; Sr. M. Alice, S.S.J., '58.



WEDNESDAY MORNING, you will run into a few of your friends you haven't seen so early in the morning since a year ago. And undoubtedly they will bear the same mark as you--a cross of ashes. It is the intention of the Church that this cross imprint indelibly upon our minds and hearts those words of Almighty God, "Remember, man, thou art dust and unto dust shalt thou return".

Be sure that when you wash your face you don't wash away the remembrance of your origin or lose sight of your eternal destiny. The body you shower and take such care of will eventually decay, and return to the earth from which it came. How could the Church better prepare us for the great work of Lent than by tracing on our foreheads the sign of the cross in ashes?

ASH WEDNESDAY is only the first day of this holy season of warfare. Throughout the forty days we must concentrate on our origin and destiny. Kneeling before the altar to receive ashes, we make a public act of humiliation. Let's hope that so humbled, we might better see the seriousness of our crimes and our ingratitude as

we have never seen them before. This should prompt us to desire to do penance and live up to the spirit of Lent--not for just a week or two--but, throughout the entire forty days. The fulfillment of our plans for penance and sacrifice will lead to a more perfect love of God. But this is simply to say that a Lent well-spent will be like a long retreat, and out of it will come a deeper appreciation of the purpose for which we were born into the world and just where we are heading both in time and eternity.

LENT IS a time for taking account of ourselves--as we appear before God. Take a long draw on that cigarette, sit back and reflect. Search your soul. How does it appear before God?

SURELY, if God is generous towards those who make even a slight effort during these days of public penance, it is likely, too, that He is severe with those who spend these days carelessly and indifferently.

IN SHORT, whatever your taste in haircuts, you're due to be scalped if you make the mistake of abusing the graces given you during Lent.

Gene Boorman, c.c.

