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THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS of the United States have designated Sunday, February 15, as a special day of prayer for the persecuted Catholic Church in China.

THE PERSECUTION in China has become increasingly alarming as a result of the episcopal "elections" and sacrilegious consecrations.

BISHOPS, PRIESTS, AND FAITHFUL of the Church in China, in addition to their prolonged trials, are now faced with the danger of a schism.

A SCHISMATIC church in China would be a great tragedy. Moreover, it could have frightening implications. China has a huge population and a militant revolutionary spirit.

TO ENCOURAGE the Church in China to persevere in the love of Christ and His Church, all are asked to participate in the Holy Hour in Sacred Heart Church on Sunday evening at 6:30 P.M.



## The Assisi of St. Francis

AT 4:30, SUNDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 22, IN THE AMPITHEATRE OF THE STUDENT CENTER, REV. ROBERT LOCHNER, C.S.C. WILL GIVE AN ILLUSTRATED LECTURE ON "THE ASSISI OF ST. FRANCIS". ALL ARE INVITED.

● EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT begins at Noon each week-day during Lent and continues until 4:45 P.M. Stop in every day for a visit. And, one day each week, make a half-hour of adoration. You will be rubbing shoulders with PH.D.'s and All-Americans more frequently than any place else in the country. The same is true of the late morning Masses in Sacred Heart Church. Benediction is given in the Lady Chapel each week-day at 4:45.

## FRIDAY IS NOVENA DAY



## The Sorrowful Mother Novena

We take it for granted . . . most Catholics know the story of Fatima and how Our Lady promised "the conversion of Russia and an era of peace for men" if (enough) obey her requests. Here is the Fatima record! The prophecies she predicted in 1917 have all been fulfilled viz. . . . I) World War II, II) the spread of Communism, III) the annihilation of many nations, IV) the persecution of the Church — all fulfilled in our own day and generation with the one exception that depends on the little word IF: "If (enough) obey my requests, Russia will be converted and there will be a lasting peace." The objective of the Sorrowful Mother Novena . . . to try and get the "enough" Our Lady seems to want before she may fulfill her part of the bargain. The "peace terms" are: (1) daily recitation of the rosary, (2) frequent communion, particularly on the First Saturday of the month, (3) consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, (4) meditation on the mysteries of the rosary. All . . . "with the intention of making reparation to my Immaculate Heart." With the exception of the rosary, (a family prayer in the home) and the First Saturday Communions, attendance at the Sorrowful Mother Novena devotions fulfills all the "requests" Our Lady made.

● YOUR PRAYERS have been requested for the following: Deceased: Harry Ambrose, '25; grandmother of John Burdick, Off-Campus; Ralph Furstoss, '33; Carl Pick, '11. Ill: Aunt of Allen Griffin of Dillon; five School Sisters of Notre Dame (auto accident).



WOULD THAT those who lose their heads in the cause of earthly love could be sold on the idea of losing their heads in the cause of supernatural love and the cause of Christ. The joyous sequel to this kind of love is everlasting glory.

VALENTINE, whose feast-day has come to be regarded as a time for frilly cards, cupid's darts, and bleeding hearts, was of the opinion that he was no great lover by anyone's standards. In fact, he was content to be a farmer, using his talents to feed the poor in the neighborhood. Later, as a priest, he preached love of neighbor everywhere he went, love of neighbor for love of God.

But somewhere along the way he must have taken issue with the syndicate of his day and a few of the boys got together and took care of him. February 14 was the day they gave him the axe. However, instead of ending his influence, they merely increased it. Lacking a Senate investigating committee, the Roman youths of the day martialled public opinion against Valentine's killers, and this they did by writing letters. Usually, these letters ended by reminding the reader of Valentine's love for his fellow-man. It became something of habit with them to remind each other of his love, when February 14th came round each year. Subsequently, some got the idea of reminding their lady-fair of their love on the occasion.

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY can be an occasion for questioning whether you are an all too willing victim of cupid's darts, and an all too unwilling lover of God.

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