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LOURDES CENTENNIAL



ON FEBRUARY 18, as the bells peal and echo across the mountain pastures of Lourdes in southern France, a murmur of prayer will ascend heavenward from 50,000 pilgrims massed before the grotto where

101 years ago the Virgin Mother of God appeared to the frail 14-year-old Bernadette Soubirous. The pilgrims will be the last of some 5,000,000 from every corner of Christendom who have journeyed to Lourdes during the past year--the centenary year of the apparitions. On the same day, here at Notre Dame, we will gather at 4:30 in the afternoon for a solemn Mass of Thanksgiving for the favors granted here during the past year through Our Lady's intercession and the intercession of St. Bernadette. The Mass will be offered in Sacred Heart Church and will begin at 4:30. This will replace the 5:10 Mass on Wednesday. All are urged to be present.

● ONCE AGAIN, these are the facts concerning the Lenten dispensation enjoyed here.

1) As it concerns the On-Campus student: It is a "local" dispensation, i.e., restricted to the campus, Venville, and Morris Inn. In addition to On-Campus students, faculty, employees, and visitors may avail themselves of it when they eat on campus. However, the On-Campus student is bound by the general laws of fast and abstinence when he is downtown or away on a week-end. This means he is permitted meat at one meal when he eats downtown, and he is not permitted to eat meat between meals when downtown. Moreover, the On-Campus student who is over 21, is not permitted to eat between meals at all when he is downtown. 2.) As it concerns the Off-campus student: He is also dispensed, even when he eats off-campus. However, he is obliged to avoid giving scandal.

● NOTE: No one is exempted from doing penance. The dispensation is granted on condition that one recites the Rosary daily, participates in the daily Adoration, abstains from amusements, gives alms, makes the Sta-

tions of the Cross, attends the Sorrowful Mother Novena service, or assists at daily Mass.



THE THIRD ORDER OF ST. FRANCIS is accepting candidates up to February 25. Any student interested should contact Kevin McCarthy in 221 Howard.


WHAT IS THE THIRD ORDER? It's a religious order for the laity. It offers a system of life by which the Gospel teaching can be practiced more effectively by the laity. Members are urged to offer Mass and Holy Communion each day. The Third Order Office, consisting of twelve Our Fathers, Holy Marys, and Glory be to the Father are to be recited daily. Members are required to attend a monthly meeting--even at the cost of personal sacrifice. Each member is invested with the Third Order habit--a brown scapular and the white Franciscan cord, which he wears under his ordinary clothing. Members do, however, have the privilege of being buried in the full outer habit of the Franciscan Order.

BY FAILURE TO follow any prescription of the Rule, one simply forfeits the spiritual benefits attached to it.

IN THE UNITED STATES alone there are over 100,000 members of the Third Order. The local campus group has been in existence since 1937. It does not exclude membership in any other Catholic society. In fact, the members are encouraged to join in the work of other Catholic organizations.

MEMBERS, while aiming primarily at their own sanctification, do devote themselves to the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

● YOUR PRAYERS have been requested for the following: Deceased: Father of Gerry Adler of Zahm; father of Frank Ryder of Cavanaugh. Ill: Brother of Paul Perona of Pangborn; father of John Fazio of Lyons.



LEFT-OVER PIECES OF VALENTINE CANDY ARE STILL AROUND. AND SINCE NO ONE IS EATING IT, THE LEAST WE MIGHT DO IS PASS ON THE LITTLE MESSAGES PRINTED ON THEM.

I am always humbled by the infinite ingenuity of the Lord, who can make a red barn cast a blue shadow.
E. B. White

John Boardman, csc
Prefect of Religion

Basic research is what I am doing when I don't know what I am doing.
Wernher von Braun

To a brave man, good and bad luck are like his right and left hand. He uses both.
St. Catherine of Siena

Faced with crisis, the man of character falls back on himself. He imposes his own stamp on action, takes responsibility for it, makes it his own. . . . Difficulty attracts the man of character because it is in embracing it that he realizes himself.
Charles de Gaulle

So live that you wouldn't be ashamed to sell the family parrot to the town gossip.
Will Rogers

An appeaser is one who feeds a crocodile — hoping it will eat him last.
Winston Churchill

Deep beneath the anonymous American smile there is a feeling that is evangelical in origin — compassion for man, a desire to make life tolerable . . . a kind of anonymous reply of the human soul, which refuses to acknowledge itself vanquished by the pressure of the assembly line, or the big anonymous machinery of modern civilization.

Jacques Maritain

A humble man can do great things with an uncommon perfection because he is no longer concerned about accidentals, like his own interests and his own reputation, and therefore he no longer needs to waste his efforts in defending them.
Thomas Merton

By the time I left school an important principle had begun to penetrate my brain. That was that life is a stern struggle and a boy has to be able to stand up to the buffeting. There are many attributes which he must acquire to succeed. Two are vital — hard work and absolute integrity.

*Field Marshal
Lord Montgomery*

Who thinks the speediest
Age is youth,
Never waited in line
At a telephone booth.
Alice J.