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This is the day that I really prepare for a good confession and convince myself that there is no deceiving God. So I will tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me God.

This is the day I make up my mind that I will amend my life. For I am old enough to know that religion is not something like a good suit of clothes, something that you wear on Sunday and hang up for the rest of the week.

This is the day that I get down on my knees to pray. For now, suddenly, I know how much need I have of prayer . . . prayer for pardon, prayer for help, . . . prayer of thanks for protection when I least deserved it.

Joseph achieved a sanctity so great that he is outranked among pure creatures only by Mary, herself. He side-stepped the errors of his time and proved to the whole world the power that is Mary's to foster grace and virtue in the souls of those who are truly devoted to her.

This is the day that I do what I am most afraid to do. This is the day I face the problem of my life that I have been running away from for so long.

This is the day that I really weigh eternity against my secret sins—drunkenness, thievery, impurity, irreligion, neglect of my duties in life . . . and I get scared, because it is better to be scared here than to be scared hereafter.

This is the day I go to confession. Only I'm going now because I want to, because I have already tempted God and Mary too long, because I may not have another chance, ever.

This is the day I am going to remember and be glad about tomorrow.

● ONCE AGAIN, you are reminded that the Bishop of Fort Wayne will be here to administer the sacrament of Confirmation, on April 12th at 2:00 P.M. Stop by 116 Dillon and make arrangements to be confirmed, if you haven't yet received this sacrament.

● TONIGHT, the semi-finals of the 1959 Bengal Boats get under way at 8:00 P.M. in the Fieldhouse. Treat yourself to a good evening of entertainment, and SUPPORT THE MISSIONS.

● YOUR PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED FOR the following: Deceased: Mother Mary Maurice Tobin, Mother General of the Sisters of Mercy; John Calkins; Richard C. Muckerman, '17, former owner of the St. Louis Browns. Ill: Charles Hayes Smith, '22; Sr. Sophia, C.S.C., former Dean of women at St. Mary's; two friends of Chas. Saad of Roward; friend of Sam Dominick of Breen-Phillips.

● THIS IS THE LAST WEEK for Lenten Adoration. MORRISSEY, ST. EDWARD'S, and BREEN-PHILLIPS residents are scheduled to provide adorers, tomorrow. On Friday, residents of ZAHM, FARLEY, and CAVANAUGH have their last chance.

● IRISH AIR LINES has a remarkable safety record. Each passenger is given the following prayer, as he boards:

"O God, who made all creatures for Thy own glory, and hast destined all things of this world for the service of mankind, bless, we pray Thee, this machine, built for air travel; that it may serve, without loss or danger, for spreading ever more widely the praise and the glory of Thy Name, and for the quicker dispatch of this world's affairs, and may foster in the hearts of those who travel in it a yearning for the things above. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



NO MATTER if you spend the Easter vacation in Lauderdale or Ashtabula, no matter if you will be riding your bicycle or driving the family car, no matter if you are going to be behind the wheel of a sports car like the one pictured here (and which, incidentally, came off the drawing boards and out of the Automotive Design studios in O'Shaughnessy Hall), no matter if you're just a pedestrian like myself, you should be interested in the latest from Pope John.

AFTER A RALLY at Rome's Colosseum, on the feast of St. Frances of Rome (who is the patroness of drivers), everybody went over to the square in front of St. Peter's, where they were blessed by Pope John.

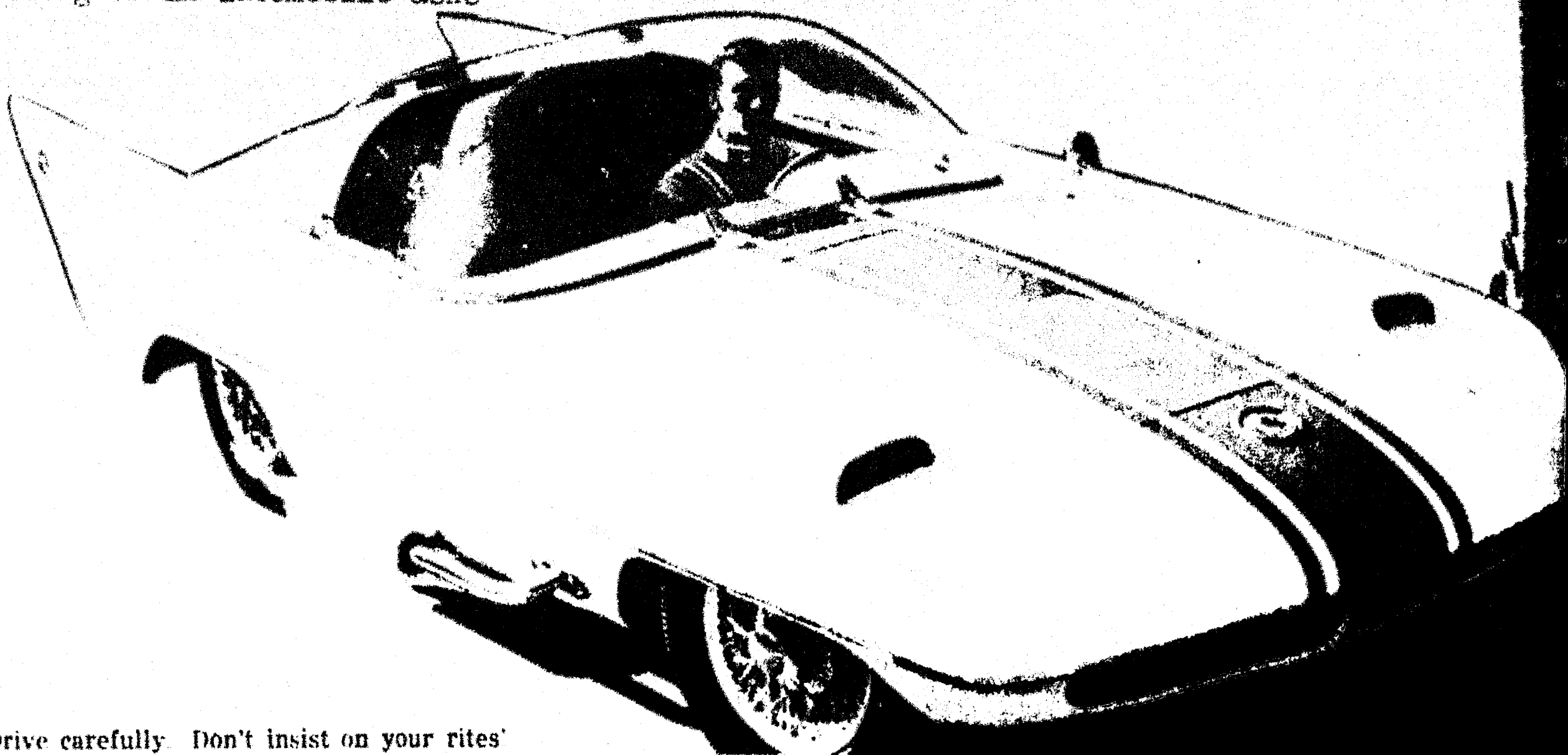
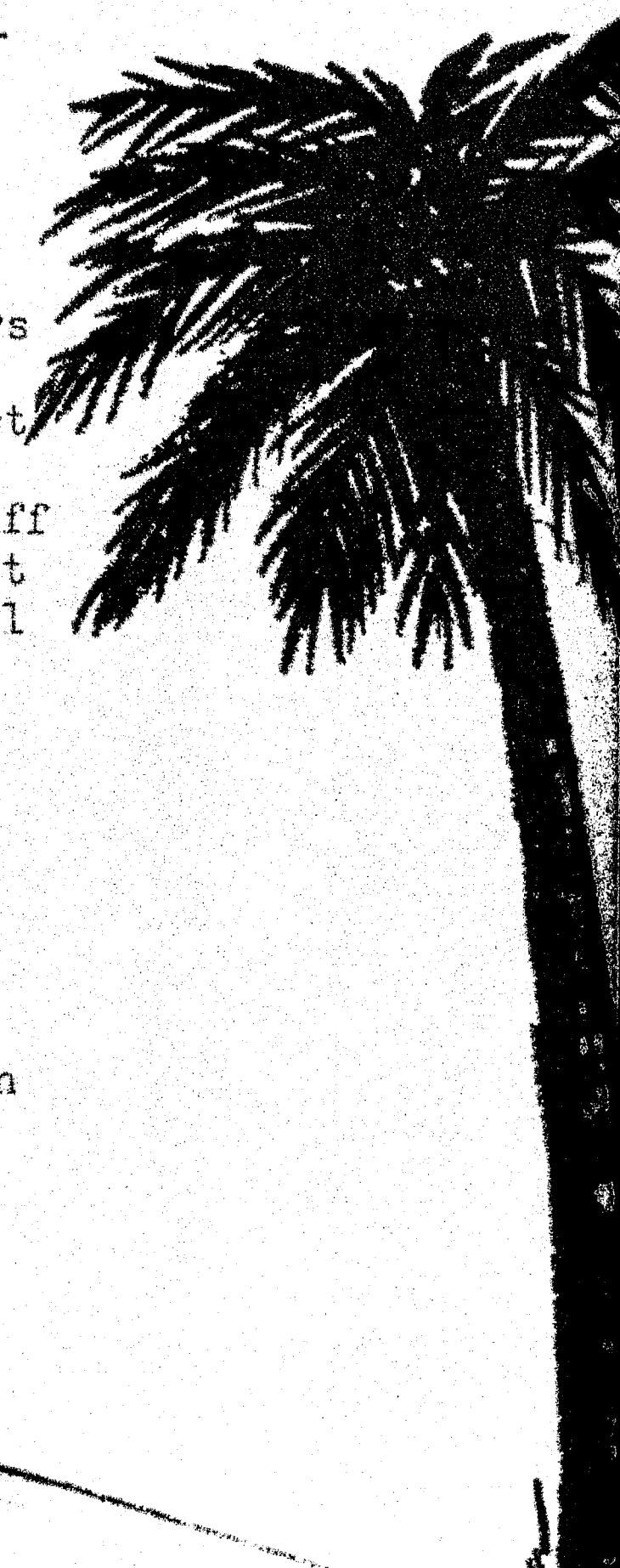
THE PONTIFF took the occasion to point out that the Church's blessing of an automobile asks

God's assistance in controlling the will of the driver and implies the driver's moral obligation while at the wheel.

THE BLESSING, he continued, "invokes the assistance of the angels of God to preserve from every danger the travelers who, anxious to reach quickly their earthly destination, must not lose sight of the ways to eternal salvation." The Pontiff praised all who promote respect for highway regulations as well as respect for one's own life and his neighbor's life. He appealed for the observance of traffic laws and observance of all safeguards of human life.

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Prefect of Religion



Drive carefully. Don't insist on your rites'