

# RELIGIOUS BULLETIN

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HERE is the New York Times report of the heroic attempt to rescue a shark victim from San Francisco Bay. Quoted by Bishop Byrne in his talk to the Seniors at the Communion Breakfast last Sunday, it might be well if everyone pondered it, and asked himself: Would I be as courageous in a similar situation? Would I be as far-sighted?

● THE SENIORS are encouraged to attend the 11:00 o'clock Mass on Sunday. This Mass is a High Mass and will acquaint you with the music and rubrics so that all might more actively participate in the singing of the Baccalaureate Mass on the morning of graduation.

## DEPT. OF UNDERSTATEMENT

[Headline in the  
Denver Rocky Mountain News]

STEALING OR DESTROYING  
SIGNS IS NOT COURTEOUS

● AT THE GROTTA each evening, it is possible to gain a plenary indulgence by joining the group that gathers to sing hymns at 6:30 P.M. If you're unable to be there then, at least make a trip down alone and gain a partial indulgence, mindful that:

## Co-ed Defies Shark,

By The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO, May 8—A college co-ed risked her life yesterday trying to save a youth attacked by a 500-pound killer shark just outside the Golden Gate.

Then she bent over the dying boy on the beach and prayed aloud with him until he lost consciousness. The boy died two and a half hours after the attack.

Today the president of San Francisco's Board of Supervisors said he would seek to have the Carnegie Medal of Honor awarded to 18-year-old Shirley O'Neill for her bravery. The supervisor, Harold S. Dobbs, recommended the citation for what one eyewitness called "the greatest exhibition of courage I have ever seen."

The shark that killed Albert Kogler, 18, was identified today through serrated teeth marks as a great white shark. The identification was made by Dr. W. I. Follett, curator of fishes at the California Academy of Sciences. He said the shark probably was ten feet long and weighed 500 pounds.

It was far astray from normal warm water habitats when it lunged to the attack while Miss O'Neill and young Kogler were swimming fifty yards offshore at Bakers Beach, just west of the Golden Gate Bridge.

"I heard him scream," Miss O'Neill said. "I turned around and saw this big grey thing flap up into the air. I don't know if it was a fin or a tail. I knew it was some kind of fish."

"There was a thrashing in the water. He screamed again. He said, 'It's a shark! Get out of here!'"

## Pulls In Dying Youth

Ignoring his warning to "get out of here," the girl had reached for his hand "but when I pulled I could see that his arm was just hanging by a thread."

So she cradled one arm about his back and swam to the beach.

## She Baptizes Youth

There Shirley's mother, Mrs. Gertrude O'Neill, said Shirley had scooped up sea water and sprinkled it on the head of young Kogler, her classmate at San Francisco College.

Making the sign of the cross, the Roman Catholic girl said:

"I baptize thee in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost."

"Is that all right?" she whispered.

"O. K.," the youth gasped.

He repeated after the girl the Act of Contrition.

"Oh, my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee . . ."

Just before he became unconscious he whispered:

"I love God and I love my mother and I love my father. Oh God, help me. God help me."

Above the scene on the Presidio grounds, M/Sgt. Leo P. Day had looked down on the struggle with the shark.

"I could see the boy in the foaming red water, shouting and signaling someone to 'go back, go back,'" Sergeant Day said.

"Then I saw the girl, swimming toward him with frantic strokes, completely ignoring his warning."

Sergeant Day called it "the greatest exhibition of courage I have ever seen."

SUNDAY has been designated National Youth Adoration Day. Here, we will observe the annual event on Friday. As usual, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from Noon until 4:45 P.M. Therefore, on Friday, all are urged to receive Holy Communion and to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament. Now is the time to begin to pray for the guidance you will need during the exams. Pray also for the intentions of the Holy Father, for the need there is for priests, brothers, and sisters, and, finally, for the success of the deliberations at Geneva.

**Daily Adoration** in the Lady Chapel. And on Thursday, St. Ed's, Breen-Phillips, and Morrissey residents have the responsibility for seeing that there are adorers in the chapel from Noon until 4:45 P.M.

● FRIDAY IS THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY of the death of Prof. Frank Skeeler of the Electrical Engineering Dept. The 5:10 Mass on Friday will be offered for the repose of his soul.

● PRAYERS. Deceased: William Riley, '53; wife of Donald O'Grady, '42; mother-in-law of E. J. Kesting, '25; Robert E. Lynch, '03; father of James, '40, John, '41, Edgar, '43, Joseph, '47, Leo, Jr., '48, Robert, '50, Michael, '51-'53, and Richard McNamara, '54. Ill: Grandmother of Tony Saluto of Howard; grandfather of Jim Welter of Dillon; wife of Prof. Danehy of the Chemistry Dept.

Every trifling thing is told to her and every great sorrow; she is the sharer of all earth's joys and griefs. She is not wearied with our littleness; her smile comes down to us like a benediction through the sea of flickering candles, and she blesses our wild flowers withering at her feet. For each one of us is "another Christ"; each one, to Mary, is her only child. It is therefore not tedious to her to hear the trifles that we tell her, to look at the bruises that we bring to her, and seeing our wound of sin, to heal it.—Caryll Houselander.





THEY TELL ME that now there is "Music to Have Your Teeth Pulled By". Makes one wonder if perhaps over in Geneva someone might have come up with some "Music to Make Tables By". The table-game over in Geneva goes into another day, and the carpenters seem to be about the only ones so far to benefit from the presence of the foreign ministers in town. This, however, is not something new. It should prompt us to wonder, though, how long those in the seats of the mighty will ignore the Holy Spirit

ON SUNDAY we observe the feast of Pentecost, and commemorate the day upon which the Holy Spirit first descended upon men.

ON THE FIRST PENTECOST, the band of trembling Apostles were fearful of the rabble, and hiding behind bolted doors. They were alone. The Saviour had left them. But, suddenly, the holy Spirit descended upon the group, and they no longer were timid, discouraged, forlorn, a beaten lot. Immediately they were strengthened, and they took heart, became courageous and thereafter were ready to dare anything for Christ.

NEXT SUNDAY, with the Church, let us pray earnestly to the Holy Spirit, begging of Him His Wisdom and His Love, and asking Him to renew the face of the earth. Not that this is likely to be accomplished overnight. But, perhaps, we have been slow to hearken to the Voice of God, and maybe we can become better listeners. And, having listened, answer with our hearts.

ONE FORM our answer might take is to pay more attention to the message of Fatima.

RECENTLY, Sister Lucy of Jesus, the only living witness of the apparitions of Fatima, is reported to have lamented: "The Blessed Virgin is very sad because no one heeds her message; neither the good nor the bad. The good continue on with their life of virtue and their apostolate, but they do not unite their lives to the message of Fatima. Sinners keep follow-

ing the road of evil, because they do not see the terrible chastisement about to befall them.... Many nations will disappear from the face of the earth, and Russia will be the instrument of chastisement unless all of us, by prayer and sacrifice, obtain the conversion of that poor nation."

### PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Richard Cardinal Cushing.

*O Lord and Lifegiver, enable me to understand the pattern of human life, in whose early years I now stand.*

*Confirm in me a trust in Divine Providence which rules all things sweetly.*

*By Thy gift of Counsel take away the limitations on my soul which make it timid and uncertain, and give me the strength to be constant and devoted in the cause of truth.*

*Help me to be numbered among the merciful as through the gift of Counsel I see the Divine pattern which gives meaning to human life.*

*Illumine the sorrows of human existence in the light of Divine destiny, so that I shall accept disappointments and loss with a serene soul.*

*Enlighten me to appreciate that no triumphs in this life are worthwhile unless they bring me closer to Thee Who, with the Father and the Son livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.*

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NOTHING IS DIFFICULT for the Holy Spirit. He is One with the Father and the Son. He is all good, all knowing, all powerful. And in His special work of enlightenment, there is no limit to His influence. But we must seek it and obtain it. Adore Him often with acts of faith, and hope, and love.

BUT, ON SUNDAY, address to him your fervent petition for his gifts, that they might descend upon those meeting in Geneva, where they could certainly be put to good use. And for yourself, ask for the grace to pray not only in the prayers after

Mass, but also at other times, and to offer the sacrifices that are necessary for the conversion of Russia.

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