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- FRESHMEN AND THEIR DATES will attend the 8:00 o'clock Mass in Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, prior to their Communion Breakfast.
- ALONGWITH TODAY'S BULLETIN, you receive an Outline of the Mass. This Outline has been provided by the campus council of the Knights of Columbus.
- IF YOU FAILED to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament today, recall that Sunday, May 17, is National Youth Adoration Day, sponsored by the National Federation of Catholic College Students. Sunday is also Pentecost Sunday. What better time, then, than Sunday to spend a while before the Blessed Sacrament, and to pray for success in the forthcoming exams. Remember, also, in your prayers the intentions and futures of the graduates of 1959.
- ONE WEEK remains before Trinity Sunday, and the end of the Easter Season. Confessions will be heard in Sacred Heart Church tomorrow evening, as usual, from 6:00 P.M. until 8:30 P.M.

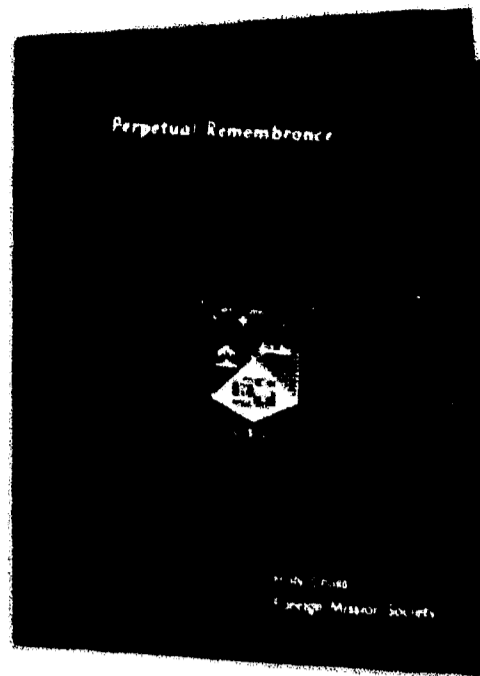
The Hound of Heaven

I fled Him, down the nights and down the days
I fled Him, down the arches of the years;
I fled Him, down the labyrinthine ways
Of my own mind; and in the midst of tears
I hid from Him, and under running laughter.
Up vistaed hopes, I sped;
And shot, precipitated,
Adown Titanic glooms of chasmed fears,
From those strong Feet that followed,
followed after.

But with unhurrying chase,
And unperturbed pace,
Deliberate speed, majestic instancy,
They beat--and a Voice beat
More instant than the Feet--
"All things betray thee, who betrayest Me."

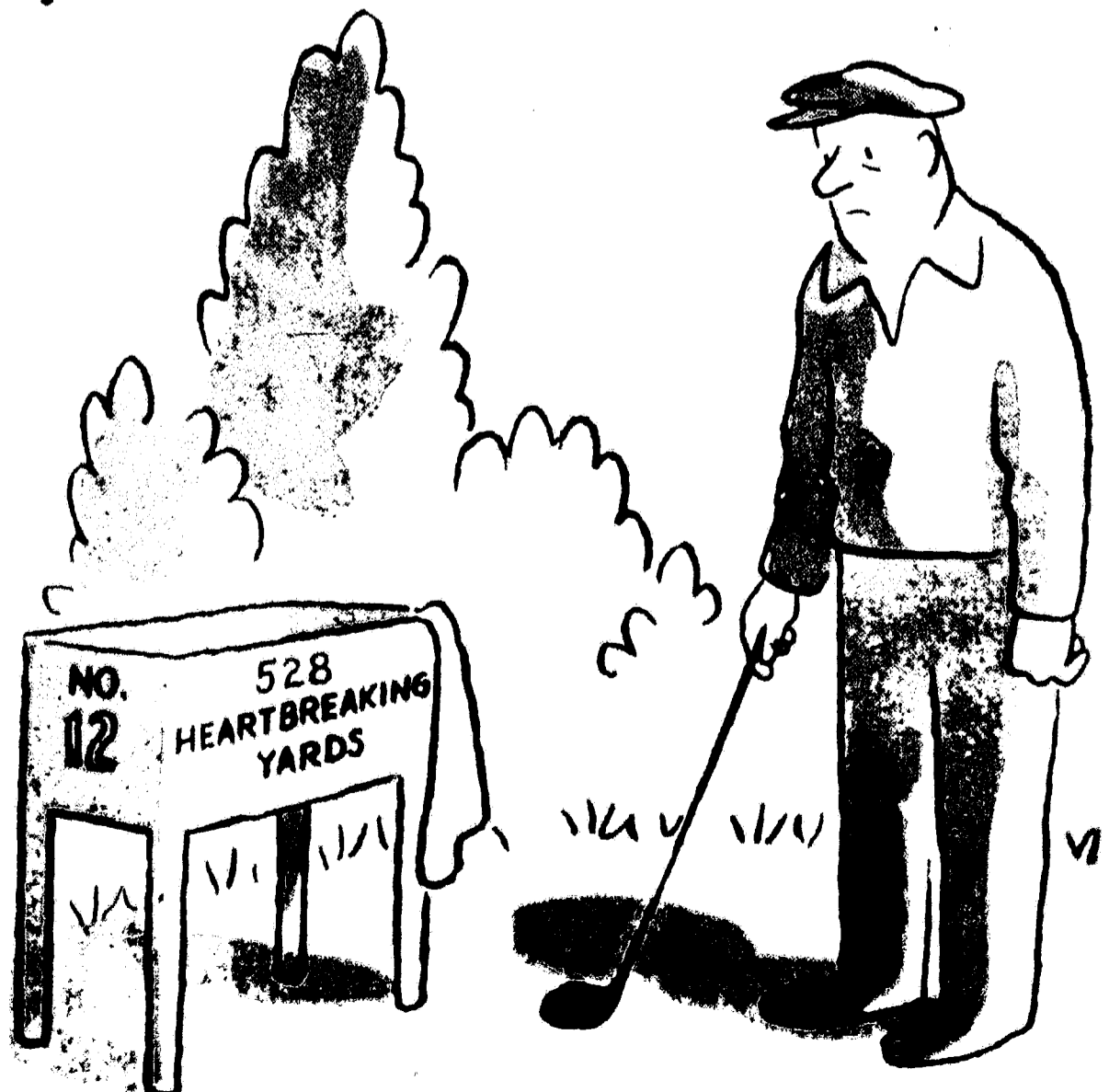
--Francis Thompson

MUDDLE IT OVER! IT'S A VERSE YOU'VE READ BEFORE, NO DOUBT. BUT, BE FRANK, NOW, AND ASK YOURSELF IF PERHAPS IT DOESN'T APPLY TO YOU MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE.



What more thoughtful way to remember one dear to you than by the assurance of constant spiritual help. This is what Associate (for living) and Purgatorial (for deceased) memberships in the Holy Cross Foreign Mission Society bring. The membership certificate comes in a beautiful folder listing membership privileges. Enrollments for individuals, five dollars; for families, twenty-five dollars.

- PRAYERS. Deceased: Uncle and friend of Ed Obermiller, Off-Campus; friend of Bob Hassenger of Fisher. Ill: Niece of Tracy Douglass of Walsh; friend of Tony Mileto of Zahm. Three special intentions.
- TOO MANY still think that it is proper to wait until the celebrant has come down to the Communion rail before they approach to receive. This is wrong. Approach the Communion rail, and fill it, while the Confiteor is being recited.
- STANFORD, WALSH, ALUMNI, AND FISHER residents have their turn at Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Lady Chapel on Monday from Noon until 4:45 P.M. In short, it's up to them to keep the chapel filled.
- SENIORS! REMEMBER to attend the 11:00 o'clock Mass in Sacred Heart Church on Sunday.





HAVE YOU BEEN GAMBLING? I don't mean on the stock market, the nags, the galloping dominoes, or those little spotted tickets that come 52 in a pack. I'm not asking if you are using money you shouldn't, or if you're using loaded dice or a crooked "system". (Of course, if you are, then, by all means, stay away from the person place or thing that leads you into it.)

NO. HERE'S WHAT I MEAN. Are you gambling away a vocation to the priesthood? It's happened. Maybe it's happened more often than we'd like to admit. But, gambling it away is just what you are doing, if you have been hiding behind such excuses as these:

I'M TOO YOUNG! (My answer to this is that no student in college is too young to enter a seminary. The majority, it seems, enter at about 18.)

I'M NOT SURE OF MYSELF! (Maybe not. But, have you talked it over with a priest? I suppose most seminarians are uncertain at the very outset. What medical student does not feel a bit shaky his first day in Med School? Or what lawyer isn't uneasy on the day of his first case?)

MY FATHER WON'T LET ME! (He probably has a reason for his opposition. But, why not put some priest on his trail?)

I'D RATHER WAIT A YEAR! (So you want to wait. Just be sure your reasons for wanting to wait are good ones. Delayed entries I suspect, have lead more than one to turn aside Christ's invitation.)

I'M NO ANGEL! (I guess not, if you tip the scales at 300 pounds and still insist on eating five meals a day. But, just how unreasonable or unruly have you been? Tell it to your confessor, and let him decide.)

I'M TOO OLD! (Nonsense! After the last war, hundreds of vets began studies for the priesthood; most of them were in their twenties.)

I'M STUPID WHEN IT COMES TO LATIN! (You underestimate the prowess of our Latin teachers.)

I CAN'T STAND TO SEE PEOPLE DIE! (Ever hear of something called "the grace of state"? God gives a special help for the work He wants us to perform. It's available to the priest when assisting the dying, hearing confessions, preaching, etc.)

WELL...THERE'S GIRLS! (Thanks! I hadn't noticed. But as the man says, there's also little boys. Maybe you've even got a little brother. Leave the field to him.)

DURING THE CLOSING WEEKS of the semester, make an effort to work in an extra prayer or act of sacrifice in order that you might give a forthright answer to the question of whether you are gambling away a vocation. If you are gambling away your vocation, it's maybe not so much because you're lacking the necessary qualifications. Maybe it's because you lack the courage to face the hardships involved in following a vocation. Or, maybe the pleasures of this world have too strong a hold on you. If so, aren't you in for trouble whatever you decide to do with your life? And hadn't you better get busy and overcome these faults?

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