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News Section

● CARNIVAL--THIS WEEK-END and the days that follow just prior to Lent have, since the 14th century, been noted for eating, drinking and dancing. They are marked by many excesses and many abuses. Despite the partying, however, it is the Church's intention that the spirit of these days be one of penance, devotion, and atonement. The Church prescribes purple vestments for her priests and omission of the Gloria in the Mass. At one time, it was the custom that the faithful went to confession on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, by way of preparation for Lent. For this reason, the day became known as Shrove Tuesday, or the day on which everyone should be shriven from his sins. Then in 1748, the Church instituted special devotions for the three days preceding Lent. These devotions, called Forty Hours of Carnival, are for the purpose of offering prayers and atonement for the many sins and scandals committed at carnival time. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed all day in Sacred Heart Church beginning a week from Sunday. This will continue until Tuesday night, March 1. At 6:45 each evening, there will be a brief sermon on the Eucharist, followed by Benediction. Plan now to spend some time each of the three days making reparation for your own and others' sins.

● IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 6, Mrs. Green of Oregon introduced the following bill, which has been referred to the Committee on Armed Services. "Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of

America in Congress assembled, the President is requested to award, in the name of the Congress of the United States, the Congressional Medal of Honor to Doctor Thomas Dooley, for conspicuous gallantry, at the risk of his life, in direct conflict with mankind's greatest enemy, above and beyond the call of duty." The bill is H.R. 9404.

● BLOOD DONORS are still needed. Can you spare the time to give a pint?

● WE, OCCASIONALLY, HAVE A REQUEST for the Prayer for Peace of St. Francis:

*Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.*

*O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so
much seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

Tomorrow, by the way, is the last day for entering the Third Order of St. Francis. Those interested should contact Rivers Aristide Patout III, 223 Fisher Hall, tonight.

● PRAYERS. Deceased: Friend of John Pastore of Keenan; grandfather of Bob Horn of Sorin; Jeremiah Clifford, '38; Harry A. Lyddane, '27; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cooke; William J. Hagerty; Ray Espenan (10th Anniversary, Feb. 23rd). Ill: Father of James Bruce of Morrissey; sister of Mr. Joseph Maguire of the Dept. of English; friend of Chris Monahan of Howard; daughter of Milton McAngus; father of Sr. Mary Michael, O.P.



THE PENDING VISITS by the Vice-President and the President of the United States suggest some reflections on the virtue of Patriotism. This virtue is the habit of showing respect for the leaders and founders of our country, and for one's fellow citizens, to whom is owed the right to live as a citizen. We are chiefly concerned with the respect due the leaders of our country. There are, of course, obvious ways in which we are expected to show respect. But, more than this we might take our lead from the words of Cardinal O'Hara, when, as President of Notre Dame, he said to President Roosevelt (here to receive an honorary degree): "To you Mr. President, we cannot adequately express the gratitude we feel for your goodness in turning aside from weighty duties to be with us today. Notre Dame welcomes youto the family of Notre Dame....you began your administration with prayer. You share in our prayers, our family prayers." The President's response concluded: "....I am proud of the great distinction you have conferred upon me. And may I tell you that I was more touched than by anything else by that word of the President of Notre Dame when he said I will be in your prayers. I APPRECIATE THAT AND I TRUST THAT I MAY BE IN YOUR PRAYERS."

This might well be the request of Mr. Nixon and Mr. Eisenhower when they visit us. For, surely, all

who are striving to do great things for their fellow-men find it hard to squeeze in the time they would like for seeking God's help. Our respect for the office of the Vice-President and the President should prompt us to remember often the need these men have of our prayers. Keep near at hand the Church's prayer for Civil Authorities:

We pray Thee, O almighty and eternal God, Who through Jesus Christ has revealed Thy glory to all nations, to preserve the works of Thy mercy, that Thy Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the confession of Thy name.

We pray Thee, O God of might, wisdom and justice, through Whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with Thy holy spirit of counsel and fortitude the President of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness, and be eminently useful to Thy people over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality. Let the light of Thy divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety, and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessings of equal liberty.

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