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January 18-25

is the Chair of Unity Octave--essentially a prayer movement. Participate in the prayers for Unity by attending the devotions each evening in Sacred Heart Church, beginning at 4:45 P.M. In the first year of the sixties, much attention has been focused on the quest for Unity. Pope John has called for an Ecumenical Council. And, among non-Catholics interest in the ecumenical movement has arisen. Prayer is the instrument which will bring these hopes to fulfillment. The intentions for which we are urged to pray are as follows:

Jan. 18: The union of all Christians in the one true faith and in the Church.

Jan. 19: The return of separated Eastern Christians to communion with the Holy See.

Jan. 20: The reconciliation of Anglicans with the Holy See.

Jan. 21: The reconciliation of European Protestants with the Holy See.

Jan. 22: That American Christians become one in union with the Chair of Peter.

Jan. 23: The restoration of

lapsed Catholics to the sacramental life of the Church.

Jan. 24: That the Jewish people come into their inheritance in Jesus Christ.

Jan. 25: The missionary extension of Christ's kingdom throughout the world.

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Meeting this evening at 8:15, in the Council Chambers in Walsh Hall. The Knight of the Semester will be announced at this meeting. The usual door prize will also be awarded. All members are requested to attend.

Dr. Dooley

needs our prayers. When Father Hesburgh visited him on Friday afternoon in New York's Memorial Hospital, he requested that the students here pray for him, especially at the Grotto. During the next three days, therefore, we ask that all make a daily visit to the Grotto and pray for the heroic young doctor's intentions.

Mass Calendar

Mon. Jan. 16--St Marcellus I, Pope and Martyr. Gloria. No Credo.

Tues. Jan. 17--St Anthony, Abbot. Gloria. Proper Gospel. No Credo.

Wed. Jan. 18--Ferial Day. The Mass is the same as the Mass for the Second Sunday after Epiphany. No Gloria. Second Prayer of St Prisca. No Credo. Common Preface.

Thurs. Jan. 19--Ferial Day. The Mass is the same as the Mass for the Second Sunday after Epiphany. No Gloria. Second Prayer of the Holy Martyrs. Third Prayer of St Canute. No Credo. Common Preface. Chair of Unity Octave begins.


Fri. Jan. 20--SS Fabian and Sebastian, Martyrs. Gloria. No Credo.

Sat. Jan. 21--St Agnes, Virgin and Martyr. Gloria. No Credo.

● REMEMBER that when one leaves Sunday Mass before the priest finishes, he has failed to fulfill his Sunday obligation requiring him to hear an entire Mass!

In Your Prayers

please remember the following who are deceased: Father of Dan Luparello of Zahm; friend of Ben Salvaty of Bardin; aunt of Ken Baumgartner of Alumni; father of Frank Cauchon, '60; Robert J. Von Hoene, '47; Henry J. Kuhle, Jr. '15.



"MAY DAY"--the universal call of distress--sounded again in the early hours of this morning as Texas Tower #4 was apparently reduced to a twisted mass of steel and concrete by winds and waves. For the men assigned to man the station, it must have been a real horror show. Thirty foot waves reportedly battered the installation. Sad though we are to hear of such a tragedy, it serves to remind us that this is an age when we seem to be growing more insensitive to tragedy. It seems to surround us.

IN THE SPIRITUAL LIFE, one of the great tragedies in this and every age is the plight of him who is reduced to inactivity by scruples. Scruples are unreasonable anxieties about religious trifles. And they can destroy a man as effectively as wind and waves. They are usually the result of mental or emotional illness. An anxiety complex possibly caused by a hunger for attention or a need for compensation of which the victim may be unaware, is often the cause of scruples. There have been instances where a person, in order to feel a sense of importance would develop religious scruples and constantly seek out the assistance of a priest in the same way that the hypochondriac constantly visits the doctor. Since such a one's problem is basically a psychological one and not religious, the priest is usually unable to relieve the victim's anxiety by solving the spiritual problems he presents. The victim must himself do something about the cause of the anxiety by probing into his past and find-

ing the true source of the problem.

THERE IS AN AGONY OF UNREST experienced by the scrupulous. And the priest would like nothing better than to substitute for it the peace and joy that accompanies a true spirituality.

UNLIKE THE SCRUPULOUS, and able to be helped by the priest, is the man who has a habit of sin and stays in it because he is either bull-headed or mistaken about what constitutes a purpose of amendment. The destructive forces at work on him can be eliminated if he will make any kind of effort to talk with a priest.

IT ISN'T SO VERY DIFFICULT to get worked up over the destruction of something man-made. And yet maybe next door or down the hall there's someone who is on the way to destroying himself either because he is scrupulous or unscrupulous. Both can be helped. Often, though, the problem is to get him to the right one who can help him. Often the problem stems from the fact we don't take as much interest in each other as we should.

THIS IS EXAM TIME. Maybe it's time, too, that we examined how we're using the opportunity we have now and may never have again to help someone keep from destroying himself spiritually.

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