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The Week in Liturgy

Monday, March 6

Naaman's cleansing in the Jordan River, in the waters later made holy by the Baptism of Christ, points again to the Christian passover celebration at Easter. It shows Baptism, cleansing, salvation not only as God's gift, His free and unmerited act, but also as His gift for all mankind, no longer a tribal or a racial covenant, now universal and Catholic.

Tuesday, March 7

Christians who gather around the holy Table for today's Mass hear two lessons about the communal nature of the Church. The miracle that kept a family together and the forgiveness which brothers should expect of one another — both testify to the God-given unity established on the Cross. So do the references to fraternal correction and to common prayer. Common prayer in the Church (her liturgy) has therefore an excellence and efficacy unmatched by any kind of private devotion.

Wednesday, March 8

One of the paradoxes of Christian faith is that though God gives laws and institutes ritual sacrifices He warns immediately against ritualism and formalism. Whether the law is the Old Law or the New, whether the sacrifices are the animal immolations of the Old Testament or the perfect sacrifice of Christ, it is the spirit and the heart of man that God desires. For Christians, then, the fruit of their offering the Sacrifice of the Mass and their sharing in the holy Food is determined by the extent to which they have surrendered hearts and spirits to the Father.

Thursday, March 9

Nor is there any true surrender to the Father without a mutual surrender to one another, without fraternal love. A ritualism which covers a lack of care for the poor and dispossessed falls under the condemnation of Jeremias. The sacramental life and its ritual acts should rather express man's dedication to this brotherly care, should stimulate and cause true love. This is also the end of that preaching of God's Word which Jesus stresses in the Gospel.

Friday, March 10

Converts preparing for Easter Baptism, as well as the whole Church, today learn of the central importance of faith in the Christian life. Moses lost the promised land because of a momentary lack of faith and trust. And Jesus instructs the woman at the well that without the response of faith (in spirit and in truth) God Himself cannot communicate to man the living waters of his grace.

Saturday, March 11

The contrast between human justice and the justice of God is made clear in the Old Testament reading of the story of Susanna and in the Gospel account of the woman who had been guilty of adultery. The forgiveness and new life that Christ offers by means of his passion, death and resurrection apply equally to the innocent and the guilty, given the faith required to accept them. And, since no man is entirely innocent, Lent's penance for sin is a universally applicable remedy and infallibly elicits his mercy.

(NO Features)

TONIGHT, the Knights of Columbus meet at 8:15 in the Council chambers in Walsh Hall.

TOMORROW EVENING: at the 5:10 Mass, Fr. Egan speaks on Saint Thomas; at 8:00 P.M., Fr. Maguire speaks on the Ecumenical Movement in the U.S., in 104 O'Shaughnessy; and also at 8:00 P.M., in the Engineering Auditorium, Msgr. Ivan Illich and Jim Lamb will speak on the training of lay missionaries for Latin America.

THERE'S no better way to beat the run-down, rain-soaked, wind-battered feeling that comes with Marchand April..... than to make a Retreat

at St Joseph's Hall. This coming week-end, there'll be another Retreat, beginning at 7:00 P.M. Friday evening. Arrangements can be made at 116 Dillon Hall.

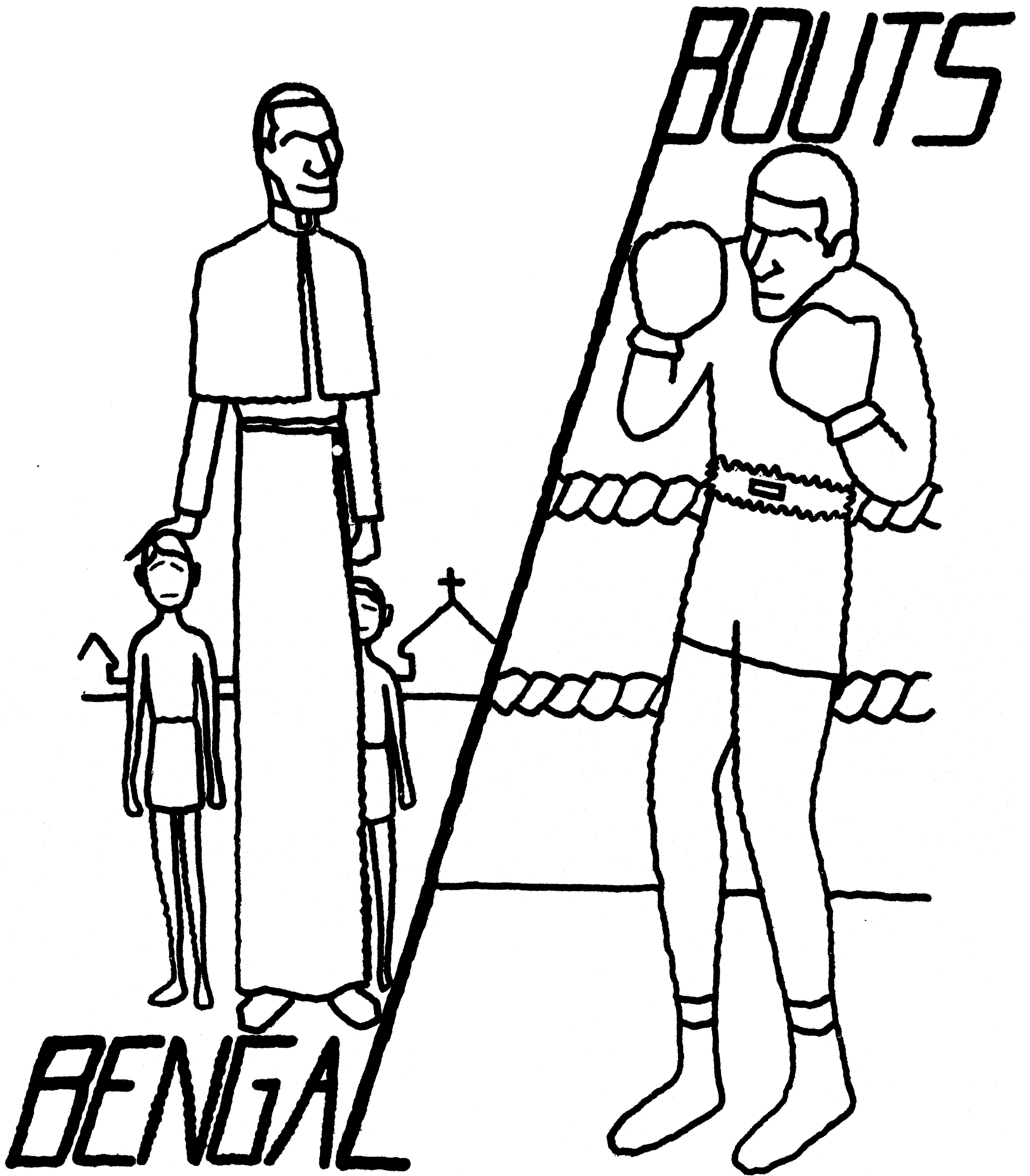


BLOOD DONORS

WE'RE IN NEED of a few more blood donors. Anyone who hasn't yet donated, and is 21, is asked to stop at 116 Dillon to make arrangements. This might be interpreted as a plea for alms. It is. And your donation of blood may be interpreted as Lenten almsgiving.

IN YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for the following. Deceased: Grandmother of John Froning of Pangborn; grandfather of Bob Scheffing of Stanford. Ill: Bob Hamilton, Off-Campus; Martin Meeker of Zahm; brother of John McDermott of Morrissey; mother of John Sullivan of Dillon; father of Joe Schwartz of Fisher; brother of John Reisert, '60.



To attain the level of perfection that has caused these bouts to earn the title "finest college boxing in the country" has involved weeks of training for the boxers. While it is true that each fighter has a desire to be a Bengal Champion, these men also realize that they are helping in the fight to spread the word of God to a group of less fortunate people in another part of the world.

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