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FRESHMEN

The Freshmen meet the President of the University this evening at 6:45. The place is Sacred Heart Church. All are asked to be prompt. The hall bell will ring at 6:35, thus giving ample time to get to Sacred Heart Church by 6:45.

SENIORS

There will be a closed Retreat for Seniors on November 10, 11, and 12, at St. Joseph's Hall. There will be accommodations for only 25. Reservations can be made through your hall chaplain or by getting in touch with Paul Shellhammer, 203 Walsh Hall. This retreat is for Seniors only.

THE MISSIONS

In an under-developed country, some boys were taunting a bare-footed lad one day and making fun of his Christian faith. They said to him: "If God really loves you, why doesn't He tell somebody to send you a pair of shoes?" The lad seemed puzzled for a moment, then with tears rushing to his eyes, replied: "I think He does tell somebody, but they aren't listening." Sunday, October 22, is the time to ask yourself if you're listening to the call of the orphan children of the mission lands. For, a harvest of souls is continually being gleaned among the little ones whom Divine Providence sends to our mission orphanages. The light of Faith is given to hundreds of thousands deprived of their natural protectors and instructors. To shelter them, to clothe them, to rear them are the daily occupations in every mission orphanage the pagan world over. Help with this work, won't you. Next Sunday. But to guarantee that your help will be substantial, begin now making a few sacrifices for the Missions.

BLASPHEMY

Inez Robb delivered herself of a long-time gripe recently. And it seems to us she used terms all can understand. Look it over. If you're one of those she is censuring, do something about it!

In no other civilized nation is blasphemy part and parcel of the everyday speech of men, women, and even children.

But we Americans are obviously unable to open our mouths without taking in vain the name of God and of his Son. This blasphemy extends through every segment of our society to such an extent that it is impossible today, from the conversational tone and content, to distinguish the drawing room from the dockside.

Taxi drivers are notoriously short of temper and tough of tongue. But today any Ivy League senior can give

him cards, spades, big and little casino, and still beat him at the kind of language that was once associated with a logging camp.

I had two experiences within 60 minutes that convinced me that foul language is so much a part of the American scene that few people are even aware of the blasphemous inroad it has made on the abysmal moral tone it gives us as a people. The driver of a cab in which I was riding became so enraged at another driver that he leaned out of the cab, spat at the other man, and loosed a stream of language that sent me, as soon as possible, to wash out my ears

with soap.

When I demanded that he apologize immediately, the driver was more amazed than offended. "—, lady," he protested, "no one else objects to my langwichee." He was so surprised by my reaction that he apologized without protest.

Less than an hour later, at a party in a beautiful home attended by the flower and chivalry of New York, I heard casual conversation that made the taxi driver's outburst seem rather pallid. An old-time fishwife would have blushed at the continuous references to the kennel, coupled with appeals to the Almighty.



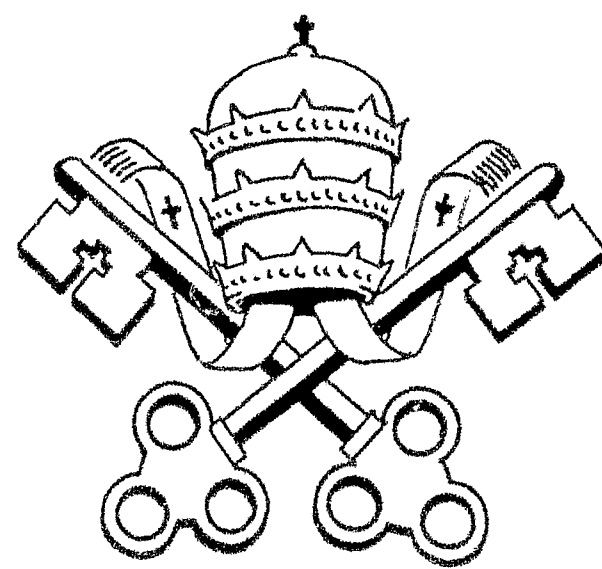
...for the man who has everything

POPE JOHN XXIII is a man of many hats, as the pictures above bear witness. As Pope and Bishop of Rome, he wears a miter adorned with precious stones, a miter of gold thread, a tiara, a Papal cappelletto, and a white Papal skullcap. There is another sense in which we say that he "has everything". The Pope has all the kindness we expect a father to have. He has a profound understanding of the problems confronting the world today. In an age of philosophic disorder, his certitude about what is necessary for peace makes him a persuasive figure among leaders of the world. He knows well what is needed for the cure of souls.

But he also faces tasks of administration on a hundred worldly fronts. The complex activities demanding his attention are scattered from Latin America to the Iron Curtain countries and from North America to South Africa.

On November 4th, the Church will celebrate the 80th birthday of Pope John. The occasion warrants a special evidence of our affection for the Holy Father and our appreciation of his burdens.

Therefore, we want to send the Pope a generous gift of prayers as our birthday gift to him. Your gift of prayers may be recorded below, and placed in the envelope on your hall Bulletin Board. Mark and clip the slip NOW and drop it in the envelope next time you pass the Bulletin Board.



Spiritual Bouquet

Holy Communion

Masses Heard

Rosaries

Visits To Grotto