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## EPIPHANY

Before the Mass on Saturday morning, the traditional Epiphany blessings were invoked upon gold, incense, myrrh, and chalk. Previously, water had been blessed for the Epiphany season; and with it the buildings and grounds were blessed with the following words:

"Bless, O Lord, Almighty God, this house, that herein be found good health, chastity, the power of spiritual victory, humility, goodness and meekness, the plenitude of the Law, and Thanksgiving to God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; and may this blessing remain on the house and on its inhabitants. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."

With the blessed chalk, the inside frame above the church doors was marked with the monogram of the three Kings, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, separated by crosses and flanked by the year, thus:

**19+C+M+B+62**

It is hoped that this will aid in keeping distractions from crossing the threshold.

## TOMORROW

The Novena for Examinations begins tomorrow. In preparation, you're reminded again that confessions are heard each afternoon in Sacred Heart Church from 4:00 until 6:00 P.M. Assist at Mass daily during the nine days of the Novena and recite the prayer that appeared in last Friday's Bulletin.

## KNIGHTS

The Knights of Columbus meet this evening at 8:15 in newly renovated quarters in Walsh Hall. Door Prize: \$20.

## LOST

Chain with silver crucifix (finished to resemble the bark of a tree) and a gold medal bearing the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Finder please contact Father Lochner in the Student Center.



Skiers can still pick up a medal of St Bernard, Patron of skiers, at the office of the University Chaplain in Dillon Hall. These medals are no guarantee that skis will behave, but they may help the skier behave. Skiers are reminded that there is a 6:00 A.M. Mass on Sunday mornings in Sacred Heart Church.

## IN YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for the following. Deceased: Mother of Cliff Angers of Badin; uncle of Roger Brekken of Alumni; Tony Champagne (2nd Anniversary, January 10th); parents of John Beer, '39 (ten Masses will be offered for the repose of their souls); wife and father of Frank Holdampf, '28; mother of Thomas J. Walsh, '35; father of John, '49, and William Clark, '47; Robert J. Burnett, '55; father of Tom Scully, ex'62; friend of Bob Solon of Stanford. Ill: Grandfather of Matt Ebinger of Zahm; wife of James W. Egan of the Foundation Office; mother of Rev. John Lubbers, C.S.C.; Mrs. Thomas Guilfoile. Two special intentions.



THIS I BELIEVE... By Thomas H. Beacom, '20

It is obvious that some men, from day to day, subordinate reason to emotions; some exalt the senses above the mind; some mistake opinion for fact; some confuse knowledge and wisdom. Merely to know the right thing is not enough. Cardinal Newman told us why when he wrote: "Quarry the granite rock with razors, or moor the vessel with a thread of silk; then may you hope with such delicate instruments as human knowledge and human reason to contend against those giants, the passion and the pride of man."

In a word, what he is saying is that we must act. Just as some deeds exceed our capacities, many realities are beyond the range of our thinking and understanding. The common denominator for all of us is that we all want, by reason of our nature, what we call happiness. We may have trouble defining it. We are certain to have difficulty achieving it. But we must seek it. This is a law of our being. Happily, the man who has been given faith has at hand the means of attaining contentment in this life and has in his possession a direction-finder for the next.

"Whatever things have been written have been written for our instruction," said St Paul, "that through the patience and the consolation afforded by the Scriptures we may have hope." And then he added this prayer: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope and in the power of the Holy Spirit." Some would scorn this as mere rhetoric; at best, something called revelation that is not demonstrably rational. My life has convinced me that these words have substance and meaning. They help sustain in me a belief in God that is fixed and unshaken. The concept of a Supreme Intellect, a Divine First Cause, an Omnipotent, Omniscient Creator seems to me not difficult nor, in any degree, unintelligent.

Atheists denying the existence of God, agnostics doubting the Incarnation and the Resurrection, skeptics uncertain of anything, even the historicity of Christ--to say nothing of His Divinity--all have failed to convince me, either that nothing can be proved or that everything must be provable. Not all things can be known alike to all men, the simple, the wise, the humble, the proud. Clearly, each mind has many choices. I believe that the will has freedom to choose from among those choices. I do not believe that mindless matter has evolved by accident, rather than by design, into an orderly universe. I do not believe that man himself no longer matters. I believe instead in a Supreme Being, endowed with all wisdom, Who had some purpose in giving us life.

(To be continued.)