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EASTERN RITE

Friday evening at 4:00 P.M., the monks of St Procopius will celebrate the Liturgy of St John Chrysostom in Sacred Heart Church. Holy Communion will be distributed under both species. A commentator will describe the action throughout the Mass.

WORKS OF MERCY

Tonight at 8:00 o'clock, the Volunteer Service Organization--dedicated to the corporal works of mercy--will hold a meeting open to all in Room 109 Biology Building. One of the best known works of this group is its work with the patients at the Northern Indiana Childrens' Hospital. Another campus organization that has concerned itself with the corporal works of mercy is the Council for the International Lay Apostolate. This group is currently conducting a drive for funds that will enable them to send a team of Notre Dame students to Lima, Peru, for two months this summer. In Lima, the team will work in one of the parishes while deepening its understanding of the "basic unity existing among all peoples of today's world".

CLOSED RETREAT


One of our objectives in recent years has been to provide everyone here the opportunity for making a closed retreat. The little circular distributed Monday evening has, we trust, made all aware that in addition to the usual retreats at St Joseph Hall, there'll be three opportunities for a closed retreat at Moreau Seminary during the coming weeks. The first closed retreat at Moreau Seminary will begin Friday evening, February 16th. That retreat will be for Sophomores. A second retreat, on the week-end of February 23rd, will be for Freshmen. The third retreat will be for Seniors and will be held at Moreau Seminary on the week-end of March 30th. All who have been wanting to make a closed retreat should plan now to attend one of these week-end closed retreats. Reservations can be made by writing: Retreat Reservations, P.O. Box 124, Notre Dame.

GREEN, YET

After the "break", most wallets around here have in them only a few cards and pictures. Little or no gold. But in there alongwith the cards and pictures, in some of those wallets, the familiar red badge of the Sacred Heart can be found. And also, the green badge of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It's claimed that devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary has been responsible for many conversions. Both badges are available in the Dillon Pamphlet Room.

IN YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for the following. Deceased: Grandfather of Harold Guarnieri of Morrissey; grandmother of Dave Devine of Pangborn; mother of Rev. John Lubbers, C.S.C.; father of Peter Hansen, '56; Mrs. Eleanor Burns; three friends of Bro. Jonas, C.SCC.; cousin of Prof. William Roemer; mother-in-law of Ed Mansfield, '34. Ill: Mrs. Josephine Egyhazi; brother of Charles Hannan of Keenan; mother of Steve Carley of Pangborn; father of John McCurdy of Lyons; grandmother of Jack Mattox of Dillon; grandfather of Henry Higgins, Off-Campus; uncle and cousin of Al Torrisi, Off-Campus; Edward Roytek; Rene DeCraene; cousin of Rev. John Lubbers, C.S.C. One special intention.



A QUESTION heard frequently during the past few days is this. "If the Second Vatican Council does restore the diaconate, and designate individuals to perform the functions deacons performed in the early Church, what would be the reason for it? One prelate favors it because the Church "is lost to some areas because of the scarcity of priests." Of course, the obvious reason for it would be that, by virtue of it, some of the laity would have definite duties inside as well as outside the sanctuary. Also, it would be in keeping with the attention the Council is expected to give to the lay apostolate and ways of extending Catholic Action.

It would mean, of course, that we would have to grow accustomed to using the term "deacon". And if the dignity is accorded even to married laymen, we would have to grow accustomed to the press carrying such reports as: Deacon Smith to marry Irish lass. Not an insurmountable hurdle, to be sure. But it might take a while to get used to it.

SHOULD IT HAPPEN that the Council restores the diaconate for married and unmarried men as a permanent institution of the Church, it's hoped that many here will consider devoting themselves to this new role in the Church. Your preparation for this need not be delayed. You can begin today by taking a more active role in the Church's liturgy.

THE SUNG MASS in Sacred Heart Church each morning at 10:30 would benefit from a few additional voices. There's a place, too, for many more in the servers' ranks. And lectors at the late week-day Masses could be used to advantage. What say, you give some thought to how much responsibility you shouldered during the past semester, and see if there isn't room for assuming a bit more.

FROM THE FIRST CENTURY, deacons were ordained to assist the Apostles in their work. They were soon the intermediaries between priests and people. Their functions and duties included caring for the altar and sacred vessels, preaching and baptizing, distributing Holy Communion, preparing converts, visiting the sick, leading the people at prayer, and assisting in liturgical ceremonies.

NOT ALL ARE CALLED to the order of priesthood, but all should consider themselves called to an active role in the Church's year of grace.

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