

# RELIGIOUS BULLETIN

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## TONIGHT

"Courtship and Marriage" will be the subject for discussion this evening when Fr. Hesburgh speaks to Seniors attending the Marriage Institute.

## TOMORROW

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Pike speak tomorrow evening to the Committee for the International Lay Apostolate. All are welcome. Time: 7:00 P.M. Place: 104 O'Shaughnessy.



"Tell you what, Waxie....We'll save you for next year."

## THE QUESTION

Here's the question (and answer) many have raised since we mentioned on Monday the evening of Recollection at the Opus Dei house, 1121 N. Notre Dame Avenue:

### What is the Opus Dei?

The Opus Dei is a Secular Institute of the Catholic Church. It was founded on October 2, 1928 by Msgr. José María Escrivá de Balaguer. It received its final approval as the first Secular Institute of Pontifical Right on June 16, 1950.

With the desire of achieving Christian perfection, members of the Opus Dei practice the commandments and precepts common to all Christians, as well as the counsels of the Gospel.

They do not constitute a religious order, but are simply an association of the faithful who pursue their given profession or work, wearing the dress that is usually worn in that profession or work, just as do the members of the Third Orders Secular and Catholic Action groups. They have the same civil rights and duties as the rest of the citizens. They pursue their work wherever it takes them. They may live with their family or in whatever place according to the requirements of their work. Some, of course, may live in houses of the Institute, devoted to corporate activities of the apostolate. The member of Opus Dei remains a layman; the member is not a religious without a habit.

The Opus Dei is spread over a good part of the world. Today, men and women of the Institute can be found in more than fifty countries. They are persons of different races and social conditions; of different mentalities and education, and of various and even opposed political ideas. The institute is truly universal like the Church because its ideals are above the considerations of race and nation. By the very fact that it transcends the purely human differences, the Institute respects the freedom of opinion and action of its members in this regard. The members of the Opus Dei are united by their common religious ideals and moral values, seeking their own sanctification and that of others.

## LENTEN Liturgy

By REV. ROBERT W. HOVDA

Thursday, March 22

Thursday, Second Week in Lent. It is not primarily in miracles and wonders that God speaks to man, Christ teaches in the Gospel, but in the words of His prophets and witnesses. The Scriptures, read to the Christian people whenever they assemble for Mass, are far more important as source and nourishment of faith than any vision or unusual event. Reference to the Resurrection directs our Lenten retreat again toward that Easter event.

Friday, March 23

Friday, Second Week in Lent. Both Reading and Gospel teach of the rejection of God's messengers by man. The point is that despite our rejections of His Word and His approach, He comes and comes again. His love never fails. It is steadfast. And even though His Son is announced in the Gospel parable as His final gesture, in the Church His Son continues to come to us in Word and Sacrament, again and again in spite of the fact that we also reject Him frequently. Lent is a time for sorrow for sin, for penance, but also for thanksgiving in the knowledge that we are as humanly powerless to lose His mercy as we are to merit it.

Saturday, March 24

Saturday, Second Week in Lent. The prodigal son of the Gospel and the story of Jacob and Esau in the Reading both illustrate the gratuitousness of God's mercy, of His forgiving love. It is not according to our deserts that He rewards us, but according to His good pleasure and perfect love. We pray that our penance may open our hearts to Him and find new life (Collect).





While the Seniors are busy at the Marriage Institute, more than a few Sophomores and Juniors will be making plans of their own for a late summer or early fall wedding. For these, Senior year will somewhat resemble the snapshot at the right. It raises a question or two about how realistic their planning is. For instance, what, if any, thought are they giving to their spiritual preparation for marriage? For, if a husband is expected to assume responsibility for his wife's spiritual advancement, this presupposes he's made some progress in the spiritual life himself. And how about the preparation needed for parenthood? Any guarantee they're mature enough to shoulder the responsibility of becoming fathers? What are their chances of being able to attend classes and work after being up all night warming bottles and walking babies? And, how are their nerves? And, what about income? Will it approach their actual needs? What's it cost to bring up a child? The Health Information Foundation says that after the cost of having a child (somewhere around \$275.00), one can figure that the major bills for young children will run somewhat as follows:



AGE	FOOD	CLOTHING	MEDICAL	OTHER*	TOTAL
1	\$190	\$36	\$75	\$89	\$390
3	\$204	\$68	\$55	\$98	\$425
5	\$232	\$75	\$95	\$105	\$507
9	\$310	\$125	\$55	\$135	\$625
13	\$400	\$150	\$55	\$165	\$770

\*Toys, recreation, personal care, etc.

These figures are low, and don't reflect housing or educational allowance. Nor do they reflect any of the dozens of "extras" the couple is likely to face.

Another question for the realist is this. Your folks have agreed to put you through school. But, are you justified in asking them to assume the added expense of supporting your wife, and children?

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