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RETREAT

This is the last call for those wishing to make the Retreat at Moreau Seminary this coming week-end. So, if you plan to make a closed Retreat before the end of the schoolyear, either see your hall chaplain or write: Retreat Reservations, P.O. Box 124, Local. All reservations must be in by Wednesday.

TONIGHT

The Knights of Columbus meet in Walsh Hall this evening at 7:30.

YCS

The YCS-sponsored Leo XIII Lenten Lectures presents Mr. Donald Thorman speaking on "The Role of the Laity in Christian Unity", this evening at 8:00 P.M. in Room 104 O'Shaughnessy.



Some would say that the Devil has been slowed down by the winter weather that's been with us until now. If so, then what's to happen to those who have succumbed to his wiles when he was working at reduced efficiency??? They're in for some difficult days, no doubt. So too are those who haven't yet started to observe Lent! Mardi Gras is over, here and everywhere, on campus and downtown. Let's see more evi-

dence that this is recognized by one and all here. Easter vacation is only three weeks off. Between now and then there's much to be done spiritually and academically.

EXHIBITION

Go out of your way, if you have not already seen it, and take a look at the Lenten Exhibition at the Art Gallery. This collection, on loan from the The Clowes Fund of Indianapolis, may be viewed every afternoon between one and five o'clock.

IN YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for the following. Deceased: Friend of Brian Blanc of Lyons; friend of John Shanahan of Walsh; Frederick Ruiz, '28. Ill: Grandmother of Jack Gibbons of Walsh; father of Tim Roufs of Farley.

LENTEN Liturgy

By REV. ROBERT W. HOVDA

Monday, March 26

The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This joyous feast interrupts lenten sobriety with the announcement that He is to come for Whom the world has waited. God's Word is united to a human nature in the womb of the Virgin. He comes to tell us that none of our inadequacies, our failures, our faults, can prevent the love of God from rescuing us, if we will accept Him. So the great prayer of every Mass, the Eucharistic prayer or canon, even in a penitential season, begins "Sursum corda," "Lift up your hearts."

Tuesday, March 27

Tuesday, Third Week in Lent. While more serious sins require the celebration of an auxiliary sacrament, Penance, every celebration of the liturgy includes an absolution, a proclamation of forgiveness. Our sins, far from keeping us from the worship of God, draw us to it. To the poverty of our failures and falls, God offers the never ending supply of oil of the first Reading. And in the Gospel Jesus teaches a forgiveness that surpasses all natural limits and bounds.

Wednesday, March 28

Wednesday, Third Week in Lent. The Christian must be careful lest he fall into a kind of formalism of sin. It is so easy to follow the hypocrites condemned in the Gospel today and to identify sin with social manners and social mores. Sin, Jesus teaches, is a matter of the human heart and will, of the interior of man, much more than of merely the external act. And virtue's fidelity is to God's commandments (first Reading), rather than to human social patterns and customs and folk ways.





ON THINKING INDEPENDENTLY

"Both Mad magazine and Sports Illustrated outsell America magazine on campus, 50 to 1." This kind of statement can be checked by studying the records. Many times, however, in gab-fests and bull-sessions, statements are made that express the opinion of one's favorite columnist. These opinions should be evaluated, if injustice and uncharitableness are to be avoided. Some rules for helping oneself to think independently are these:

1. Weigh the truth or falsity of what you hear against what you know to be true from personal experience or your own studies.
2. Examine the motives of the speaker or writer who poses as an expert on the subject--his education, experience, number of years in the job. Take care lest the prominence of a speaker or writer in one field induce you to accord him "expert" status in fields other than the one in which he has gained fame.
3. Evaluate the reputation of the speaker or writer for honesty, morality, and fair play.
4. Don't let the habit of questioning and weighing the truth or falsity of what you hear lead to cynicism, so that you adopt an attitude that no one is to be trusted. Judge everyone as an individual, and keep in mind that there are many people in the world who are striving daily to live up to the highest Christian ideals and who find their deepest joy in trying to make our life on earth a little more like that we hope to experience in heaven.
5. Have the courage of your convictions. Live up to what you think is right, regardless of how many disagree with you.
6. Don't be afraid to admit to a change of opinion when convinced that you've been in the wrong.
7. Keep trying to increase your own knowledge through study, reading, and observation.

There's not much that's especially new about any of these rules. You can find them in any number of manuals. They bear repeating occasionally, though. And it's for that reason we call them to mind today.

Good wishes for better gab-fests.

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