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CLOTHES FOR THE NEEDY

This year we are a little late getting started with the Bishops' Thanksgiving Clothing Collection. The reason is that word wasn't received here until late last week that the drive would be conducted as usual. Perhaps all the attention to the Ecumenical Council is behind the delay in the announcement.

But the need is still as great as ever. In the United States where relatively few suffer from cold in spite of our sometimes severe winters, it is hard to realize that elsewhere in the world warm clothing is scarce. There are children without shoes and warm coats; fathers of families who could use your discarded trousers; other men, young women and old who would be glad to wear your out-dated shirts, jackets, warm socks.

**THANKS
TO YOUR
GIVING...**

**HE'S SITTING
ON TOP OF
THE WORLD!**



Thanksgiving season is an appropriate time to give of our abundance since there is no better way to show gratitude than to share our benefits. All of us have something to spare. It is good to give of our superfluity, but it is better to make the sacrifice of something we might still use but can very well do without.

Each hall is conducting its own drive. If someone doesn't come to your door asking for your gift of clothing, ask your hall chaplain, the chairman of your hall committee, or your rector where the clothes may be deposited. Be sure to give before you leave for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Death Comes for Jimmy

This morning at 9:30 Jimmy Thompson, the ten year old son of Professor Richard Thompson, Assistant Dean of the College of Arts and Letters, was buried from Sacred Heart Church. He died suddenly last Thursday. He had been scheduled to serve the 10:00 parish Mass in the Crypt of Sacred Heart Church on Sunday.

The sudden death of one so young gives us all cause for thought. We are sometimes so sure, because we are young, that death, except by accident, is far off. But death, we are reminded, is no respecter of age.

His parents and sister will appreciate the sympathy of your prayers for them and for Jimmy should he be detained in Purgatory.



Speaking of

THANKSGIVING

Each year the President of the United States issues a Thanksgiving Day Proclamation setting aside as a national holiday the fourth Thursday of November to commemorate the first Thanksgiving Day of the Pilgrim Fathers of our country and to carry on the tradition of Christian thankfulness begun by them.

Today Thanksgiving conjurs up a family feast with a plump turkey roasted golden brown as the centerpiece of a table laden with superabundant delicacies. It is a day when diets and calorie counting lie like the dead leaves and frost bitten fields that complete the picture of Thanksgiving Day.

In origin Thanksgiving Day is a truly Christian feast, motivated by the Pilgrims' keen awareness of their dependence on God's Providence. Their Protestant convictions should in no way lessen the enthusiasm of Catholics for entering wholeheartedly into their truly Christian sentiments. In fact, as Catholics we can make these sentiments more meaningful for we have the perfect method of giving thanks. We have the Holy Eucharist and the Eucharistic Sacrifice of the Mass; and Eucharist means gratitude, or thankfulness.

So on Thanksgiving Day, feast to your stomach's content, but make the Eucharistic Sacrifice of the Mass the heart of your thanksgiving.

For those at the University -- the 11:30 Mass in Sacred Heart Church should be a convenient time to fulfill your obligation of giving thanks.

For those away -- find out the schedule of Masses in the parish church, and consider it as appropriate to assist at Mass on Thanksgiving Day as it is to go to Mass on Sunday or a Holy Day.

VACATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) In the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend there is a dispensation from abstinence on Friday, November 23.
- 2) The 5:10 Mass on Tuesday will be the last 5:10 Mass this week.
- 3) The 11:30 Mass in Sacred Heart Church will be offered every day except Friday.
- 4) No Masses in Stanford-Keenan Chapel next Sunday; only the regular schedule of Masses in Sacred Heart Church.