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# What Do You Want Of Us, Lord?

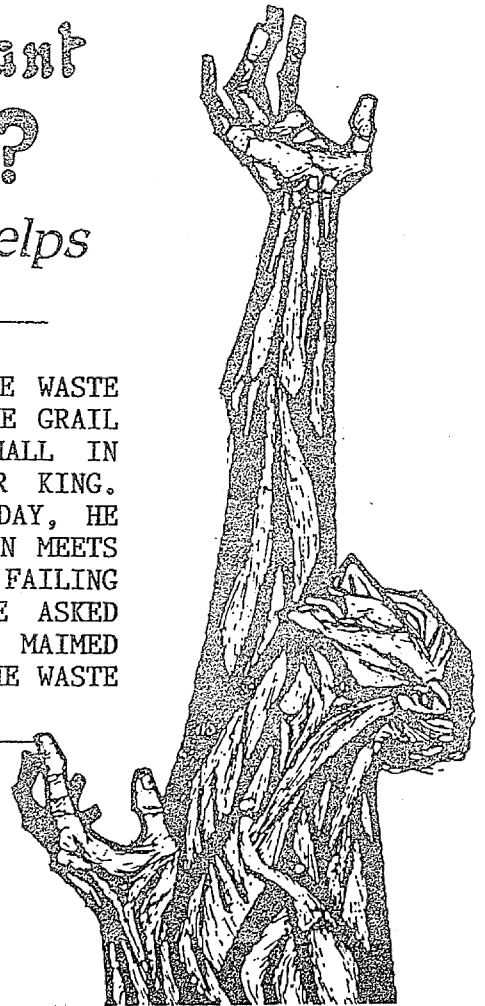
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IN THE ANCIENT CELTIC MYTH OF THE WASTE LAND, PERCEVAL KEEPS SILENT AS THE GRAIL IS CARRIED THROUGH THE GREAT HALL IN THE CASTLE OF THE MAIMED FISHER KING. WHEN PERCEVAL AWAKENS THE NEXT DAY, HE FINDS THE CASTLE DESERTED. HE SOON MEETS A MAIDEN WHO REBUKES HIM FOR FAILING TO ASK ABOUT THE GRAIL. HAD HE ASKED A QUESTION, SHE TELLS HIM, THE MAIMED KING WOULD HAVE BEEN HEALED AND THE WASTE LAND RESTORED.

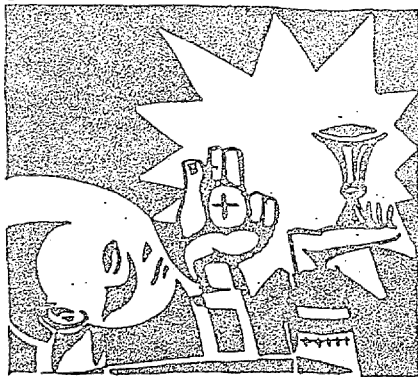
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*D*uring the semester break, I twice found myself with people who had dedicated their lives to work among the poor. Although I was inspired by their devotion, I was also overwhelmed by the enormity of their task.

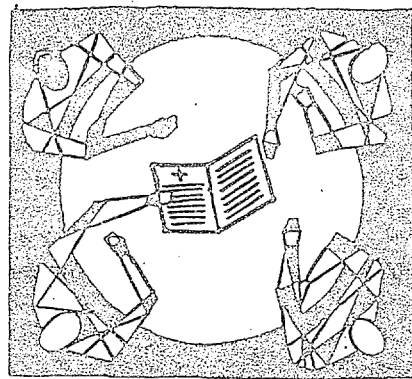


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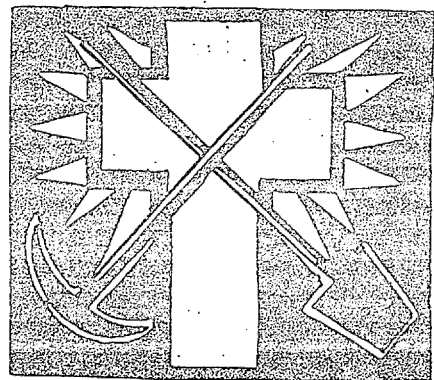
It seemed that everywhere I turned I saw the waste land of modern America: people in need — physical need, emotional need, spiritual need — and their numbers increasing each day. I returned with pressing and sleep-disturbing questions: What are we as Christians supposed to do? What good can we do? Is it worth it? What am I supposed to do? What does it mean to follow Christ? Why was I more puzzled than ever? And perhaps the most pressing question of all — will my questions ever be answered?



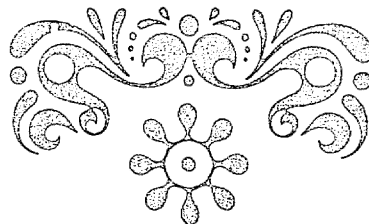
This week's Gospel puts forth a question — "What do you want of us, Jesus of Nazareth?" In the first reading Moses promises a new prophet who will tell the people what God commands — "to him you shall listen." In Mark's Gospel, Moses' promise is realized as Jesus enters the synagogue in Capernaum and begins to teach. But in that synagogue a person with an "unclean spirit" shrieks this compelling question — "What do you want of us, Jesus of Nazareth?" For him the question was redemptive; by questioning he was saved.



Yes, Jesus is unmistakably the promised prophet to whom we must listen. Yet like the man in Capernaum, we embody that spirit that asks endlessly — What do you want of us, Jesus of Nazareth? Sometimes the emphasis is on "us." Who are we that you should call us? Or more petulantly, why me? Sometimes we puzzle over the "what." What should we do? How much is enough? And in wiser times we focus on the "you." Who is this God who calls us? Who are you, Jesus of Nazareth? The questions persist and we, settling for smug answers, find ourselves against each other in armed camps in His name.



Perhaps our fumbling questions cannot likewise restore the waste land of contemporary urban America — and, then, perhaps they can. If we are patient enough and do not settle for glib or easy answers, our questions will redeem us. The Gospel tells us that only Christ can pull, can drag, can summon, that incessant and spirited questioning voice from us. To him we listen for the answer, as we continue to ask — what do you want of us, Jesus of Nazareth?



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Always do right.  
This will gratify some people,  
and astonish the rest.

Mark Twain

**PANEL DISCUSSION ON BISHOPS' FIRST DRAFT:**

*Catholic Social Teaching and the U.S. Economy*

**Fr. Theodore Hesburgh**

will join

John Houck, Fr. Oliver Williams  
Charles Craypo, James Rakowski, Ed Trubac

**C.C.E. Auditorium**

**Wednesday, February 13, 1985**

**7:30 p.m.**

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## FROM ASHES TO EASTER

You are invited to participate in "FROM ASHES TO EASTER", a four week program of prayer and reflection on the Sunday readings of Lent. Small groups will be sponsored in different halls, facilitated by head staff members. This is the first year of the program at Notre Dame. The program will start on February 24th. If you have any questions please call Sr. MJ Griffin at 239-5242 (Badin-University Ministry Office) or 239-7072 (107 Farley Hall). Registration deadline is February 13th.

So nigh is grandeur to our dust,  
So near is God to man,

When Duty whispers low, Thou must,  
The youth replies, I can.

Emerson



*Draft Boards  
are assembled*



*The regulations  
for exemption  
and deferment  
are complete*



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## Natural Family Planning

The Natural Family Planning of St. Joseph's County will hold an "INFORMATION NIGHT" on Monday, Feb. 4, 7:00 p.m. in the Hayes-Healy Auditorium.  
EVERYONE IS INVITED

Family Planning Class for engaged and married couples 7 - 10 p.m. on Wednesday February 6 and 13. Call for information and reservations:

237-7401 or 288-2662.