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SPIRITUAL

Works of Mercy

Comfort the sorrowing.

Be someone to lean on
in times of hurt and sadness.

Counsel the doubtful.

Be a good listener,
and let others know how good they are.

Instruct the ignorant.

Share your advice and experience, gently

Warn the sinner.

Challenge things you know are wrong,
and let others know there are better choices

Forgive all injuries.

Don't carry a grudge,
and go easy on yourself.

Bear wrongs patiently.

Give others and yourself
the room to make mistakes.

Pray for the living and the dead.

When you talk to God, don't be selfish—
include the whole human family in your prayer.

CORPORAL

Works of Mercy

Feed the hungry.

Share what you have with those who need it,
down the street or around the world.

Give drink to the thirsty.

Share your joy and hope with those
whose lives are dry and lonely.

Clothe the naked.

Stand up for those who are
most weak and vulnerable.

Shelter the homeless.

Reach out to the unloved and the unpopular
make everyone welcome in your heart.

Visit the imprisoned.

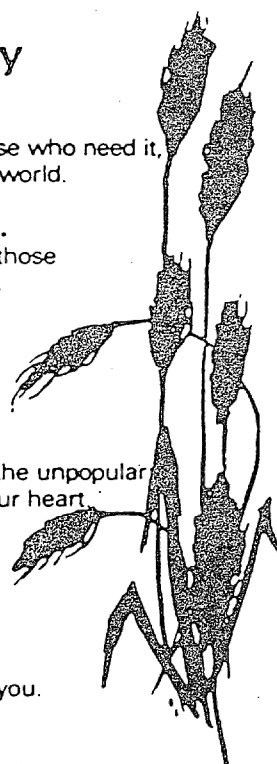
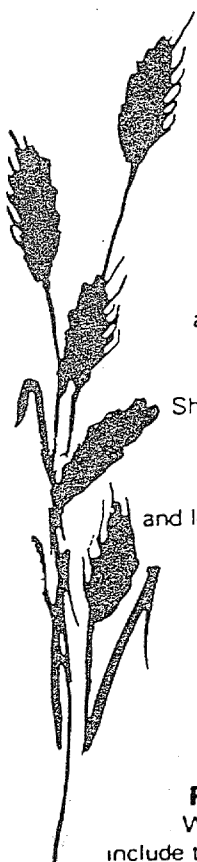
Help those who are locked up
by fear or age or sadness.

Visit the sick.

Be there for people who need you.

Bury the dead.

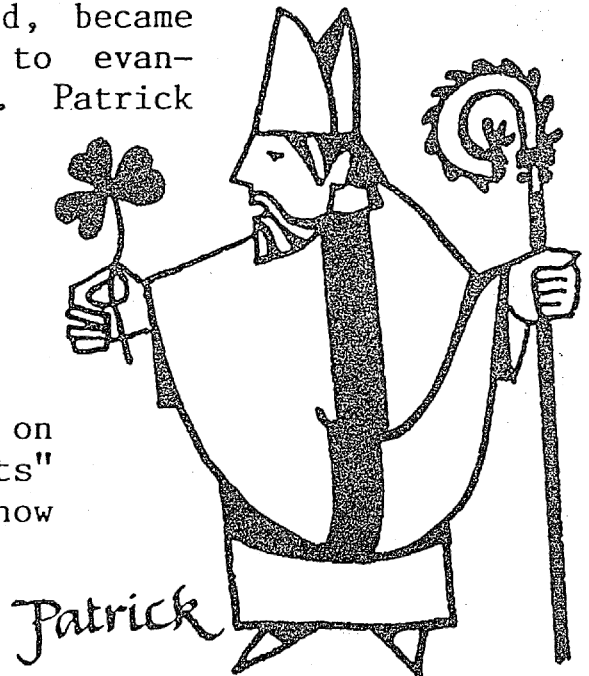
Remember with love and respect
those who are separated by distance or death.



Feast of St. Patrick

March 17th

Patrick was the great apostle of Ireland. This small island has exported its people and Catholic faith throughout the world -- America and Australia -- and has heavily influenced the history of the Church. The story of Patrick begins Irish history but is not known in detail. Born around 385 in Great Britain, this child of a permanent deacon was kidnapped by Irish pirates. He later escaped, became a priest and returned to evangelize the pagan Irish. Patrick did this with much prayer and austerity. Later he became a Bishop and was very successful in organizing the Church in Ireland. He died around the year 461 on the "Island of the Saints" which later came to know a thousand years of persecution.



Feast of St. Joseph

March 19th

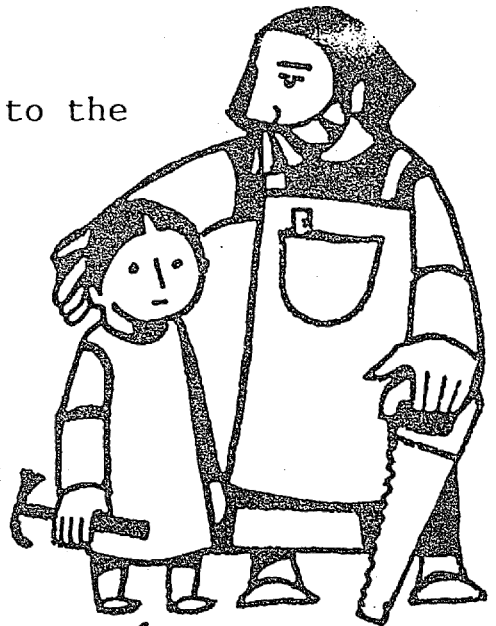
Joseph, son of David,
do not be afraid to take Mary, your wife
into your own home.

She will give birth to a Son
and you shall call him Jesus, for he
shall save his people from their sins.

Joseph did as the angel of the Lord told him,
and received her into his home.

Father,
you entrusted our Savior to the
care of St. Joseph.
By the help
of his prayers
May your Church continue
to serve its Lord,
Jesus Christ,
Who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit,
one God,
forever and ever.

AMEN.



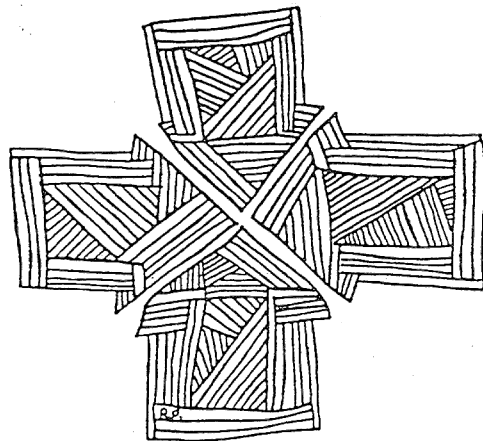
Joseph

A Senior's Reflection on Simple Faith

Alane Tranel

I know that I am an ND student; I am a woman; I have a blue coat! What I don't know is that there is a God, yet I believe there is. I don't know what I'll do next year, yet I hope to go to graduate school. When God is silent I need more faith. When a goal seems far away, I need more hope.

After four years at N.D. I realize that faith must be simple. I learned this through my six year old sister who said, "I know why I got so many gifts for Christmas. I hoped a lot. You have to start about Eastertime and hope and hope all year long." I also learned about faith from my ten year old brother. He said that when he gets angry at someone in the family, he goes to his room and makes a promise to Jesus that he'll apologize to the person right away, because the longer he waits the harder it gets. I've learned simple faith through Tony at the Logan Center. We had a cook-out and he bowed his head and prayed. He told me, "I promised Mom I would always pray before meals."



Faith should be simple! If we could prove that God does or does not exist, we would not have to believe in God because we would know whether or not God exists. Those who are child-like believe in God simply. Perhaps God came to us as a child to remind us to keep our faith simple and childlike-- and to tell us to hope and hope all year long!