

+++End of Year Inventory ---Spiritual Check-up+++

Examination of Conscience

We come to Jesus because he has the words of life. As we prepare to celebrate reconciliation, listen to those words of his that set out the way for our Christian living and admit those times you have failed to live those words. Our response is: "Lord, have mercy."

Blessed are the poor in spirit.

For filling our lives with people and things instead of God. . . . For pretending to be self-sufficient and in need of no one. . . . For being arrogant and unfeeling toward those less fortunate than ourselves. . . . For denying the Spirit within us and within others.

Blessed are the gentle.

For spirits that have been hard or cold or uncaring. . . . For words that have been cruel or sharp or disarming. . . . For thoughts that have been mean or jealous or harmful.

Blessed are those who hunger for what is right.

For our disregard of truth and justice. . . . For our contentment with the world the way it is. . . . For our unwillingness or lethargy to work for the good. . . . For our expediency in dealing with others. . . . For our attitudes that are ready to go along with the crowd. . . . For our minds that believe that success is the only value.

Blessed are the merciful.

For our unforgiving hearts. . . . For our unwillingness to show compassion. . . . For our mean and destructive memories. . . . For our deliberately harmful words, thoughts and actions. . . . For our lack of effort and openness to understand. . . . For our hearts that think only of rights and little of giving.

Blessed are the pure in heart.

For the confusion of priorities in our lives. . . . For our broken promises and lack of faithfulness. . . . For harboring guilt and anxiety in our hearts. . . . For being blind to what is really important. . . . For spending little or no time with God.

Blessed are the peacemakers.

For demanding that others conform to us. . . . For our contentious spirits. . . . For always seeing differences rather than similarities. . . . For deliberate words, thoughts and actions that provoke. . . . For unwillingness to face the sacrifices that peace demands. . . . For belligerent spirits that rely upon revenge and punishment. . . . For our lack of creativity in the pursuit of unity. . . . For our undue need to protect our own rights first.

Lord God, help us to live with the great sense of reality that your Son Jesus presents in the words of the beatitudes. Forgive us the times we have ignored his words and created an unreal world around us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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1988 CONFIRMANDS

We welcome the members of the Notre Dame community to celebrate Sunday's liturgy and witness the sacrament of Confirmation on April 17, 2:30 pm, in Sacred Heart Church with Bishop John D'Arcy. Please join in the celebration of confirming the following students:

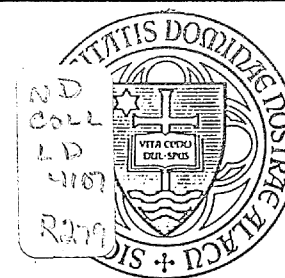
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Bill Marvel	Megan Hanley
Ted Manier	Larry Lucarelli
Dave Spach	Lisa Bostwick
Amy Edinger	Christopher Leberfing
Daniel Moore	Chris Dorvault

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR NOTRE DAME FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS:

RIP: The grandfathers of Elle Williams and Jim Kinsherf, the father of Kathy Zack, and the mother of Ursula Pena-Staral.

ILL: Sr. Jeannine Jochman CSC, the father of Mike Farnum, and the sister of Jennifer Zima.

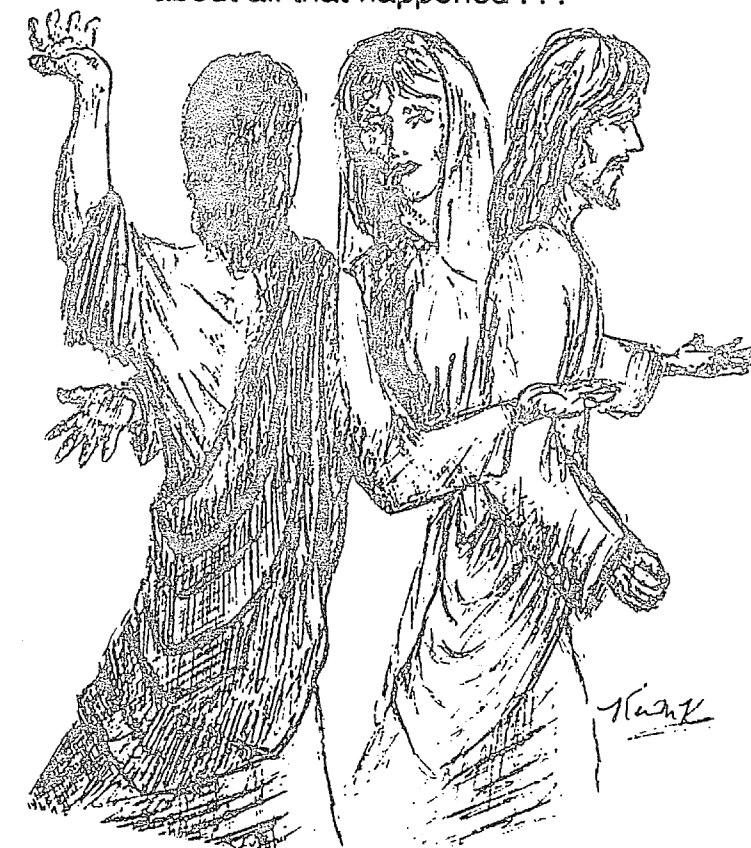
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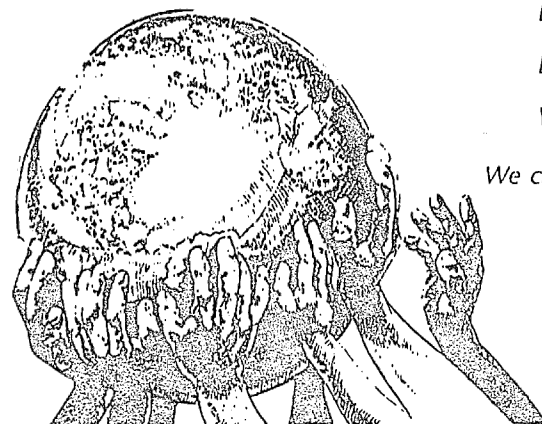
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They were talking together
about all that happened . . .



"Did not our hearts burn within us
he talked to us on the road and
explained the scriptures to us?"



If we HOPE

BELIEVE

LOVE

WORK TOGETHER

We can lift up this world

LEADERSHIP FOR A BETTER WORLD

Am I Walking with Jesus?

Today's Gospel begins with the end of the Eammaus story in which Jesus is recognized in the breaking of the bread: "Their eyes are opened and they recognized him." The two freinds or disciples of Jesus were walking along the Sunday after Jesus' death and burial sadly dusscussing the Jesus Tragedy.

They didn't seem to understand the what and the why of what happened to Jesus. Seems that they are much like us when we want to believe and accept the Lord but we are skeptical or hesitant or we just don't understand. Hopefully like these two friends of Jesus, we have enough faith to listen to Jesus when He walks beside us and talks to us even though we don't recognize him.

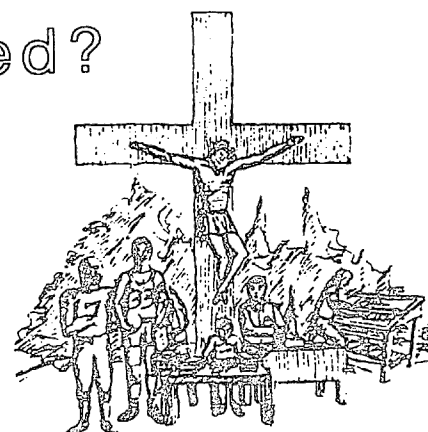
My God is present to me even when I don't recognize him or am aware of his presence. We will/I will recognize him when we/I take the initiative to invite him into our hearts and break bread with him.

May we walk with Jesus long enough to be hospitable to him and invite him in. May we realize that Jesus may be walking with us in the least of our neighbors and we don't even know it.

One gospel translator has Jesus saying to the two: "too slow of wit, too dull of heart..."

But Jesus stood among his closest friends and said to them, "Peace be with you. Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts?"

Why am I so
doubtful and
agitated?



A story about a Jewish rabbi and his son. One day the young boy came into the house from a game of hide-and-seek with tears streaming down his face. His father took the child into his arms and asked what was wrong. The child tearfully explained that he and the other children had been playing hide-and-seek and that he had hidden himself, but no one had come seeking him. The father kissed his small son lovingly and said, "My child, now you know how God feels. For God is hidden in our midst and waits patiently for us to begin the search."

Glory be to the
Father, and to the
Son and to the Holy
Spirit.

as it was in the
beginning, is now
and ever shall be for
evermore. Amen.

Alleluia.