

Mission Impossible to Mission in Confidence

In today's Gospel(Sunday Feb 5) Jesus finds Peter in a fit of exasperation and having given up. He and his buddies had fished all night and could catch no fish. It was tough because they partially depended on fish as a staple of their diet. Jesus knows Peter's plight and directs him to try again. Peter reluctantly goes out again and following Jesus' instructions, the fish catch is bigger than ever before.

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE BECOMES A MISSION IN CONFIDENCE ... CONFIDENCE IN JESUS.

MY GOD, JESUS, IS WITH ME AT ALL TIMES EVEN WHEN THINGS SEEM IMPOSSIBLE, I AM EXASPERATED, ON THE VERGE OF GIVING UP. MY FAITH IS BEST WHEN I CAN FIND JESUS WHEN LIFE IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME.

But Jesus said to Peter,
"DO NOT BE AFRAID..."



Lent is time for a Metanoia: Ready? The practice of Fasting +

All faithful Christians in imitation of our Savior's fasting and prayer in the desert, should do penance in their own personal way. That there might also be a common observance of the experience of penance, the Roman Catholic Church prescribes certain penitential days where the faithful in a special way pray, exercise works of piety and charity, deny themselves, try to fulfill their responsibilities more faithfully, observing the laws of fast and abstinence.

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, all Catholics between eighteen and sixty are obliged to fast, that is to have only one full meal a day and only two smaller meals, eating nothing between meals. American Catholics who are 14 years or older, are also obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent.

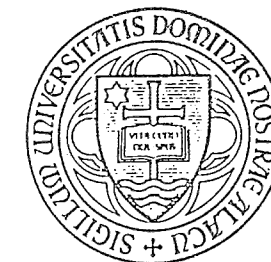
***** 'SEXUALITY, INTIMACY, & SPIRITUALITY' *****

The Office of Campus Ministry is offering a special retreat on sexuality, intimacy, and spirituality, on the weekend of February 24th - 26th. The retreat will be directed by Patricia Livingston.

Sign-up for this retreat is required, and the timeline for sign-up is February 6th-17th. For more information, contact the Office of Campus Ministry, in the Library or Badin Hall.

The Catholic Faith Series continues this week with Regina Coll of Notre Dame's Theology Department. The topic this week is entitled "Shaping the Future of the Church." The Catholic Faith Series lectures are held in Keenan-Stanford Chapel, from 7:00 - 8:30pm on Sunday and Tuesday nights.

This Wednesday, February 8th, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten season. It is a universal day of fasting and abstinence for the Church. Masses at Sacred Heart Church will be held at 11:30am and 5:00pm;



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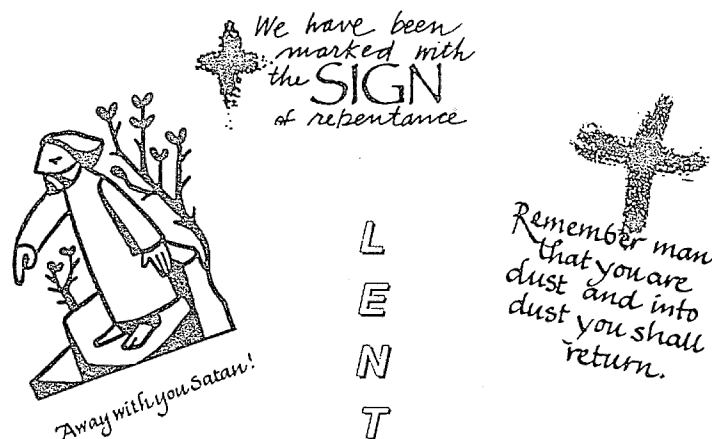
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Catholic Faith Series:CHURCH---

SHAPING THE FUTURE: What are the issues facing the Church today? What changes are occurring in the Catholic Church as the laity realize their Responsibilities and rights as Christians? How are the Christians of the Third World affecting and shaping the future of the Roman Catholic Church? Sr. Regina Coll, CSJ, Dir of Field Ed, Theology, will address these questions on Sun Feb 5 and Tue Feb 7, Keenan-Stanford Chapel at 7 P.M. Info: Call Sr Mary Curran, CSC, @ Badin Campus Ministry 239 5242.*****



**"COME BACK TO THE LORD
WITH ALL YOUR HEART;
leave the past in ashes,
and turn to God with
tears and fasting,
for he is slow to anger
and ready to forgive."**

Another year, 1989, another Lent---what am
I to do with it?

"Lent summons ALL OF US---student, teacher, priest, lay, woman, man---to fasting, weeping, mourning. No matter how happy or innocent or secure anyone of us may be, we are summoned to an assembly of the sorrowful, the sinful and the anxious. Love and compassion should be so strong and compelling that we become a member of that family ridden with death, or a great disappointment, with sickness and destitution with guilt and serious mistakes."

"During Lent we bring immediately before God the sin, the godlessness, the death, the curse of rejection. Lent also carries the hope that each of us will thereby absorb something of God's gracious concern and continual desire to relent and forgive.

"IF LENT OFFERS US AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THE MIND, HEART, AND CONSCIENCE OF THE SINFUL AND THE SICK, IT ALSO AFFORDS US A CHANCE TO BE FORGIVEN FOR OUR REFUSAL TO FORGIVE OTHERS, TO BE CURED OF OUR SECRET PRIDE AND BIAS, AND TO HAVE OUR COLD INSENSITIVITY WARMED WITH TRUE AFFECTION."

...Carroll Stuhmuller, C.P.
BIBLE MEDITATIONS FOR LENT

Our Church, the Christian Community, invites each member, we invite one another to take Lent seriously, to use this special time to examine our stance before our God, our faith, our doubts, our weaknesses in response to His word, His Gospel. Easter will mean so much more for each of us if we make lent meaningful for us. One must do so freely and in his or her own way. But here are a few suggestions...

- 1) Participate in a daily Mass, reflecting on the scriptures as God speaking to one.
- 2) Practice a simple discipline of eating, drinking, etc. as a way of being more in touch with Jesus in his poor.
- 3) Practice acts of charity: be thoughtful of some one around you who might need a bit of human response (HI, Let's go to supper, to movie, etc.), be thoughtful of the poor by

going through your gear and sharing your excess and unused clothes and other items with the poor through the Shelter for the Homeless or St. Vicent de Paul Society.

4) Pray three minutes each morning and each evening. Make Jesus real to you.

5) Get involved --- visit the CSC and find out what they offer to become involved.

BOX IN YOUR LENT

**CLIP & ATTACH TO
MIRROR**

