

GLIMPSING GODLINESS

Ryan is sixteen years old. He has A.I.D.S. It's not his fault. Ryan, a hemophiliac, became infected through a blood transfusion. Now he is going to die.

Kids his age often ask him what it feels like to know you are going to die. His response: "You are going to die, too. It's how you live your life that counts." And how does having A.I.D.S. make him feel about God? Ryan's more sure than ever of God's love. So sure that he is certain God loves homosexuals and doesn't blame them for A.I.D.S. Despite his condition, he sees life as good. He needs acceptance and love and wants the chance to be a friend.

Today's second reading presents the same kind of vision. The imperfection of flesh and blood is not a reason for despair, but the environment of hope. Our bodies — with the sickness and death they make us susceptible to — are our means to faith and love and unending life. We have a real relationship, a living bond with someone who died — Jesus. Through him we are not only joined to God but united more intimately with ourselves.

So what if we get sick, get old and die. "How you live is what counts," says Ryan. "Do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord," says St. Paul.

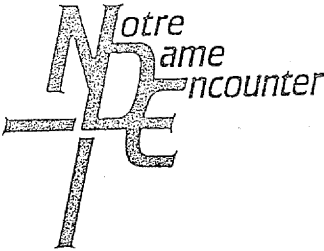
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*Recommended Lenten
Practices*

Confessions, Sacrament of Penance or Reconciliation: Sacred Heart Church @ 11:15 & 5 PM Mon-Fri and 7 PM Mon - Thurs.--- Why not be a bit humble and meet your forgiving God in this sacrament?

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Alms-giving: Sharing one's goods and one's time and one's friendship with the destitute or less fortunate is a frequent Gospel direction: Why not plan to give just a bit of your goods to the needy and find Christ in others?



A WEEKEND
RETREAT EXPERIENCE
GUIDED BY
STUDENTS, FACULTY & STAFF

An opportunity, in dialogue with others, to deepen your understanding of yourself, your values, your relationship with Christ, your experience of Christian community and service.

WHEN: * March 31-April 2, 1989

CONTACT: Campus Ministry Office
 (Badin Hall) 239-5242

SIGN UP
DEADLINE: _____

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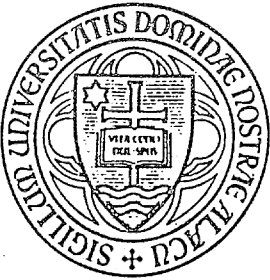
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DAILY PRAYER: 3 MINUTES AM & PM WHY NOT TAKE THE TIME TO LISTEN AND GIVE GOD A CHANCE---BE STILL---LISTEN. FIND A PLACE AND TAKE THE TIME.

CATHOLIC FAITH SERIES: CONVERSION--A JOURNEY TOWARD BECOMING FULLY HUMAN AND CHRISTIAN(How may I enrich my life and make it more truly human, more fully Christian? What exactly is this "true human existence", this "full Christian life" to which God is calling me?

+++THIS SUN & TUE, 7-8:30 KEENAN CHAPEL+++

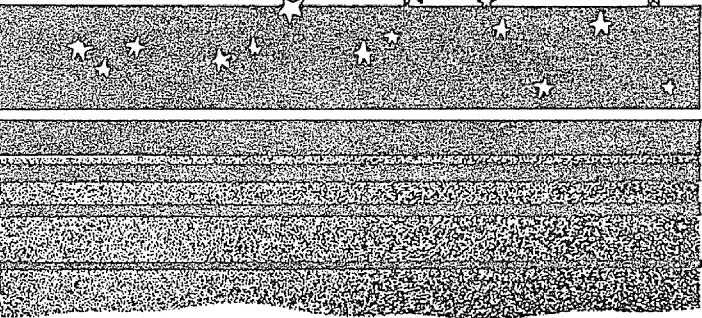
Fr. Eugene Gorski C.S.C., ND Theology Dept., will suggest that the call to be human and Christian is a journey OF UNDERGOING CONVERSION and then advancing along the path of ongoing conversion toward the fullness of human and Christian growth.Sponsored by ND Campus Ministry, Sr. Mary Curran, CSC, 239-5242.



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GOD SAID: "LOOK UP AT THE SKY AND COUNT THE STARS, IF YOU CAN. JUST SO, SHALL YOUR DESCENDANTS BE." ABRAM PUT HIS FAITH IN THE LORD. Gen. 15



**LENT WEEK #2: ROOT
OUT PREJUDICE,
PROMOTE GOSPEL
EQUALITY.**

Christian Racism???
February
Black History Month
Cultural Diversity?



You are all one in union with Jesus Christ. (3.28)

Christian Racism is a real contradiction in terms; yet, do not each of us carry a degree, an attitude of prejudice, an unacceptable bias? Prejudice is deeply ingrained in one's character and in a community and shows up overtly as an expression of racism in one form or another. Often it is expressed as a fear of "them" taking over. Lent is a good time to examine one self for an attitude of prejudice often expressed openly and offensively. Our African-American brothers and sisters invite us to celebrate their heritage this month. Certainly our own fears and biases would diminish if we accepted their invitation.

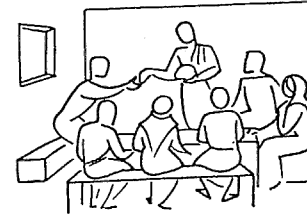
WHAT HAS ALL OF THIS TALK ABOUT RACISM HAVE TO DO WITH BEING CATHOLIC OR CHRISTIAN? EVERYTHING! St. Paul tells us in Romans that Scripture makes no distinction between Jew and Greek and we can certainly extend this equality among us to include the haves and have-nots, color, ethnics, economic levels, borders, handicap, etc. God made us all---different, for sure, but equal. God made us all, the small and the tall! Last week the Church in Roman issued extensive teaching on Racism which stressed the fundamental doctrine of human dignity and equality and the immorality of racism in any form.

LENTEN PRACTICE: 1) examine one's life to identify one prejudice and resolve to root it out 2) diminish one's fears of "different people" by reaching out and associating with the stranger---participate in Cultural diversity. 3) Prayerfully consider that God made us all good but different and equal.

Your attitude
should be the same
as that of
CHRIST JESUS.

PHILIPPIANS 2:5 NR

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We all share the same loaf. (10.17)

**ARE YOU A NON-CATHOLIC
IN A CATHOLIC
UNIVERSITY?
FEELING ALIENATED?
LET'S RELATE!**

One form of discrimination that often goes unnoticed is taking for granted or being unaware of particular minorities in our midst. Members of the majority often have no idea of the alienated feelings that minority members experience coming into "the ghetto". Could our negligence here be sinful and an attitude we need to root out?

Notre Dame, so dear to us and so friendly, could be a real uncomfortable place for non-catholics coming here. ND's friendly and family atmosphere certainly diminishes such feelings; but nevertheless, Catholics seems unaware of their non-catholic brothers and sisters and it is a safe bet that alienation does exist.

It is good for all of us this Lent to examine our awareness of the others around us and to know and accept our differences especially in Faith. I am a better, happier human and Christian, the more I lessen my biases and the more I accept and include others. As St Paul says in Romans, "...scriptures makes no distinction between Jew or Greek..." ---Catholic or non-Catholic.

To our N-C's we say warm welcome. How can we help you worship in your own way? Excuse our Ghetto. We're so happy you are here. Please remember that we have more in common than meets the eye. Let's celebrate our common heritage.

Don't be frightened by our Mass because our Mass simply celebrates the Bible with the scripture readings and the Eucharist, a Thanksgiving renewing the Last supper.

Lent Practice: Catholics reach out TO OUR N-C's and invite them to discuss their faith with you. N-Cs' please accept our welcome.

THIS IS MY SON *hear him and believe!*
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Pontius' Puddle

