

Holy Redeemer Parish

COULD YOU NOT WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME?

The Holy Name Society of Holy Redeemer Church is this year inaugurating something new in the line of its spiritual activities. It will have its members spend one hour of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday night and on Good Friday morning.

We feel that rather than being an obstacle to the work of the Nocturnal Adoration Society it will be more an asset. Too few men know about the work of this body. But on Holy Thursday they will be given an insight into the wonderful opportunity it affords those who wish to perform some special act of love for our Eucharistic King.

Each month, the men of the Nocturnal Society, gather at different hours in one central church and join in special prayers to Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Whatever be the weather or obstacles, men continue to be faithful to the One Who alone is deserving of such limitless love and devotion. So, to give the men of the parish a taste of the spiritual delights involved in such a holy and salutary practice, their parish church is offering them an opportunity to make a little sacrifice and to join with other men in spending an hour before the Blessed Sacrament, either on Holy Thursday night or on Good Friday morning.

Devotion Explained
For many of us just the mentioning of this fact is sufficient to get us to volunteer our presence. But, others of us need explanation and pleading and so particularly for the latter are the following words intended:

For thirty-three years, men, Christ lived on this earth. For thirty-three years He mingled with men and women the creatures who were made by His very hands. For some thirty years he lived in almost perfect solitude and seclusion, humbling Himself beyond the power of words to convey. And for three more years He allowed Himself to be mocked, ridiculed, scoffed at, and persecuted in order to ransom the captive souls of men. We can truthfully say that there wasn't a single thing that He didn't do or wasn't ready to do to lead men to salvation.

The Evangelist tells us that "He loved His own and He loved them unto the end." "Greater love than this no man hath than that he lay down his life for his friends." Christ fasted, prayed, labored, journeyed for miles preaching the gospel of love and penance. He did everything imaginable even going so far as to be seen eating with sinners and publicans, the cast off of the society of that day, and that in order to get men to open their eyes to the error of their ways and to then embrace His doctrines with love and an ever increasing fidelity. But all this seemed for naught. There still wasn't that wholehearted acceptance of His mission He had hoped to inspire. So He did the one last thing that yet remained; He offered Himself as a victim of sacrifice. He offered His life as an act of love in order to supply what was yet wanting in

man's love. He offered Himself on the cross to expiate the sins of men and to win eternal pardon for them. And not only did He die but He shed every last ounce of His blood to accomplish these same ends.

Where Were the Others?
Try, then, to imagine, if you can, the sorrow that must have pierced His all-loving heart when He saw how little creatures cared for what He was doing for them. Try to place yourself in His position and see if you can begin to understand how despondent He must have felt, when, in gazing down from the cross on Good Friday, He saw only four or five people out of the thousands who benefited from His miracles and teaching, from His words of solace, and love, and encouragement, still clinging to Him in this hour of need. Where were the rest? Where was Peter, who only an hour before swore up and down that he "never knew the Man"? He was out hiding, overcome by fear. Where was Judas whom Christ had given the privilege of guarding the Apostolic treasury? Why? he was the one who was responsible for all this. He had betrayed Christ and only now had gone out and hung himself in utter despair. But what about Andrew, James, Philip and all the other apostles?

Where were all the lepers that Christ had cured? Where were all those who regained their eyesight from Him, or who had been healed of some other bodily affliction? Where were they all? All had abandoned Him save these three or four women and the Beloved disciple John. Well can we sigh in our hearts with Christ, when in the garden of olives, foreseeing how He would be forsaken by most everyone, He turned to His apostles and said "What could you not watch one hour with Me?" "My soul is sorrowful even unto death. Won't you even try to comfort Me? Think of all I have done for you. Are you going to run like cowards now that I really need you and look to you for help?"

Oh! men of the Holy Name Society let us not disappoint the aching heart of Christ. We know how much He again has to suffer in this our day. Let us not be guilty of that unparalleled act of ingratitude. On Holy Thursday night and on Good Friday morning our Sorrowful Savior will address us with the same words He once addressed the chosen apostles: "My soul is sorrowful even unto death. Stay you here and watch." He will be inviting us to perform probably the greatest act of love we have ever been called upon to make. Oh! that we may not fail Him! Are we men? Then let us be manly. Are we Christians? Then let us perform the duties of a Christian. Are we soldiers of Christ? Then let us arm ourselves with the Grace of God and put the enemy to flight. To arms for Christ and victory will be yours.

All the men of the parish who are interested in joining in this Holy night of prayer are asked to contact one of the officers of the society preferably the president or recording secretary, as soon as possible. Give one of them your name and the hour during which you wish especially to pray. The hours begin with ten in the eve-

ning and end with six in the morning. The sooner we have your name and choice of hour the sooner we will be able to arrange a complete list of adorers. Albert G. Wals, Recording Secretary.

UNHINDERED IN WORK
London. — All the 37 German priests, 34 Brothers and 130 Sisters in the Windhoek Vicariate, South-west Africa, are continuing their work without any obstacle. Vatican Radio reports in a message heard here.

KNIGHTS SUPPLY FURNITURE FOR CHAPLAIN'S SCHOOL

INDIANAPOLIS. — Responding to the plea of a brother knight, the local council No. 437, Knights of Columbus, is furnishing the social room of the Chaplains' Training school at Fort Benjamin Harrison here.

Lieut. William D. Cleary, commandant of the school and a mem-

ber of a Brooklyn Council of the Knights, asked the local council for help in furnishing the social room for his school, which opens for sessions March 15 for about 70 chaplains.

More than \$500 will be expended by the Knights in answering his request.

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What Should You Save To Help?

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The following table issued by the Treasury Department is intended as a savings yardstick for the average income-earner. It suggests how everyone of the 48,000,000 employed persons in the United States may participate in the war effort through the systematic purchase of Defense Savings Bonds.

"The job ahead of us is far bigger than most of us realize," Secretary Morgenthau declared in making the table public. "I know that the American people are ready to do their part to win the war. One of the ways we can do much more is by intensifying our effort in the purchase of Defense Bonds."

While persons without dependents may be able to set aside more than the suggested figures, persons with several dependents, or with other heavy family obligations, may be unable to save at the suggested rate, the Treasury Department pointed out.

If Weekly Savings Are:	And One Saves Each Week:	In One Year He Will Save:	Number of Persons in Each Income Group:	Total Annual Savings:
\$5 to \$10	\$0.25	\$12.00	2,221,000	\$26,652,000
\$10 to \$15	.50	24.00	2,475,000	60,750,000
\$15 to \$20	.75	36.00	1,717,000	29,389,200
\$20 to \$25	1.00	48.00	1,074,000	51,312,000
\$25 to \$30	1.25	60.00	774,000	46,380,000
\$30 to \$35	1.50	72.00	574,000	41,328,000
\$35 to \$40	1.75	84.00	424,000	35,784,000
\$40 to \$45	2.00	96.00	324,000	31,104,000
\$45 to \$50	2.25	108.00	224,000	24,192,000
\$50 to \$55	2.50	120.00	174,000	20,880,000
\$55 to \$60	2.75	132.00	124,000	16,368,000
\$60 to \$65	3.00	144.00	94,000	13,536,000
\$65 to \$70	3.25	156.00	64,000	10,080,000
\$70 to \$75	3.50	168.00	44,000	7,392,000
\$75 to \$80	3.75	180.00	34,000	6,108,000
\$80 to \$85	4.00	192.00	24,000	4,608,000
\$85 to \$90	4.25	204.00	14,000	2,856,000
\$90 to \$95	4.50	216.00	9,000	1,944,000
\$95 to \$100	4.75	228.00	4,000	912,000
Over \$100	5.00	240.00	1,000	240,000
			46,307,000	\$10,215,311,000