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It Can Happen To You!

He was deep in thought as he strolled along the shady, green lawns of Our Lady of the Lake Retreat House on the sloping shores of Seneca Lake. What he was thinking, no one but God and himself knows for he was enjoying the privacy of his own silent, uninterrupted by the necessity of making conversation. And as I watched from the comfortably cool veranda of the house itself, I could not help wondering what he might be thinking about.

Had he the courage of his rigorous convictions that he should have? Was he searching for the answer to the feeling of futility that had possessed him of late? Why did not Sunday Mass mean more to him than the mere fulfilling of an obligation? These or any of the thousand little that assail the soul of man in this too materialistic world of ours could have been the occupation of his mind. And suddenly, it struck me! How truly wonderful and fortunate for the men of the Diocese that they now have this beautiful oasis in the midst of the wasteland of the world in which they may retire, review the past, listen to the word of God through the Reverend Minister, and with God's help, permanently improve their mental and spiritual outlook on life in at least one special and personal matter.

And certainly I know that, normally speaking, no physical discomfort could disturb or distract the retreatant from his purpose. For the facilities of the house are replete with every comfort and convenience a man might seek outside his own home. And the inevitable element of meals is more than amply provided for by the Superior of the House, Father Murphy, C.S.B., who holds that the men deserve, as the saying has it, "good food—and plenty of it!"

Yes it was indeed a most inspiring sight to see the twenty-six men from the parishes of Our Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of Lourdes making the retreat last weekend. And on leaving, I felt certain that all the men enjoyed the incomparable spiritual benefits and that each one of them, if asked, would say that it is a truly wonderful experience which every man owes to himself in order to live rightly in this complicated world of ours.

It can happen to you — why not let it?

APPEALS FOR FUNDS TO SEND PRAYER LEAFLETS TO MEN IN ARMED FORCES

A leaflet bearing the words of the Act of Pure Love of God and of Perfect Sorrow for Sin, suitable for sending to the men in the armed forces, is being distributed by the Rev. Edward F. Garesche, S.J., president of Catholic Medical Mission Board, Inc., New York City.

Father Garesche asks financial assistance in distributing these leaflets of which for every penny contributed he hopes to distribute about 25 leaflets.

The prayer is as follows:

"My God, I love You, because You are so good; and I am sorry for all my sins, because I love You."

The leaflet says: "Say the prayer often, and mean it with all your heart. Memorize it, so you can repeat it frequently, especially in moments of danger. Those who will say this prayer sincerely and believe in the revelation of God, that He exists, and rewards the good and punishes the wicked, will make an act of pure love and perfect sorrow for sin.

"This act obtains forgiveness for sins, for which we are sincerely sorry, and which we are resolved not to commit again. Hence, in times of danger, each of us should make this act of Pure Love and Sorrow for Sin, with great earnestness and sincerity.

"Remember that God is infinitely lovable and that our hearts were made to love God, that we should love Him above all things, because He is so good in Himself and most worthy of our love. Resolve to do all that God wills. Then, looking up to your Father in Heaven, say this prayer with great fervor and mean it with all your heart."

Contributions for the leaflets should be sent to Rev. Edward F. Garesche, S.J., 18 West 17th St., New York, N. Y.

It is a singular benefit to find the path God wishes us to tread.

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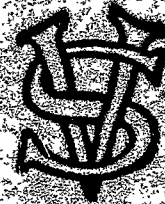
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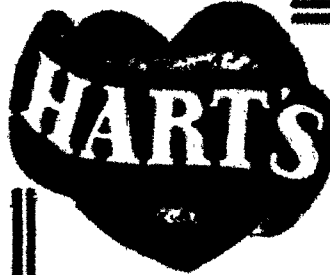
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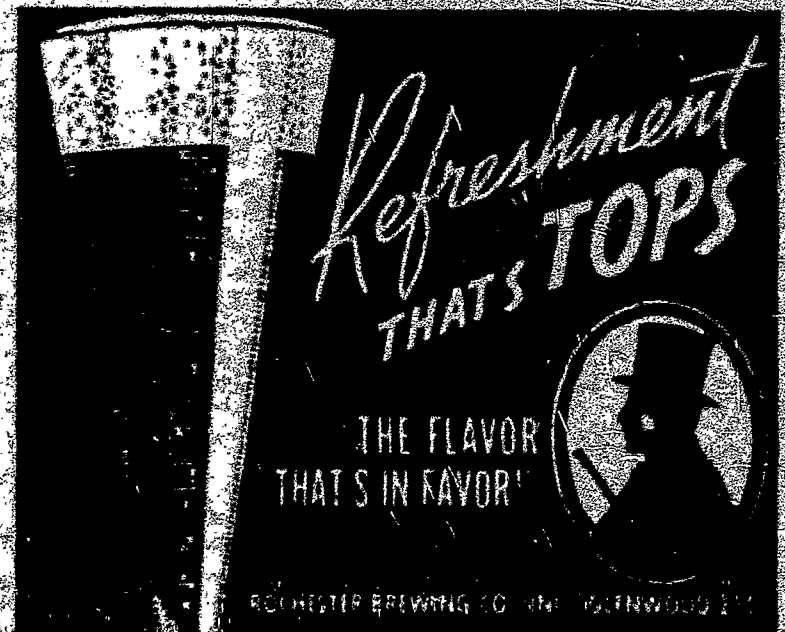
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