What's the Use Of Pain, Sorrow?

BY REV. RICHARD GEIGER

A banker in a mansion, with chronic constipation and an insomnia case, both impossible of cure despite his millions.

A widow in a hovel, worn and tubercular, with eight little mouths [illegible]

Men, women, children of every class, down through the ages — pain, trouble, deprivation, sorrow visiting each life.

What's the use of it all?

The God-Man in a garden, weeping and sweating. The God-Man on a cross, writhing and dying.

What was the use of that?

Sacrifice is the answer. Suffering and sorrow offered up to God by God. A sacrifice that redeemed mankind.

"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me" (Matt. 16:24), said He who showed the way.

Crosses! Our Crosses! Little and big. Each of us gets them to take or to leave. Physical, mental, heart-rending; but if we prize them and raise them to lifts on the Cross, they form the most pleasing of all human petitions. They take away punishment deserved for our sins. They obtain God's favors for others both living and dead. They attune our hearts with the Heart of our God.

The greatest of all sufferers was Christ, who is God. And Mary, His Mother, blessed among women, was permitted to be the Mother of Sorrows for all of her life. Never a saint who did not suffer intensely and purposefully, though often through smiles. So there's lots in pain and sorrow if we offer them up as sacrifices to God.

St. Mary's Groups List Meetings

Members of the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Mary's parish will meet on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in the school hall.

A supper meeting for the members of the Holy Name Society will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 6, in the school hall. Prayers will be followed by the regular business meeting.

The Immaculate Conception Sodality members of St. Mary's parish are requested to be in attendance at the February meeting to be held in the school hall on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 8 o'clock.

HONOR HOLY NAME PARTY AT UNGA ATTACK'S CROWNS

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News from Elmirans in Service

BY MARGARET KENNEDY

A three star family in St. Anthony's Parish, was found this week, representing the three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Liberatore Bucello, 511 Gates Place. Dominic Bucello who is a Sergeant in the Marine Corps, was the first of the boys to enter the service. He had [illegible] June 1940 and after training at Parris Island, and Quantico, was sent to the South Pacific battle area in April 1943.

Dominic hasn't told his family much about his experiences, in fact he confines his letters to assuring his family that he is well and telling them not to worry about him. During his stay in the South Pacific he has been at Tarawa and is now thought to be on Leyte.

A graduate of St. Anthony's School and the Academy, Dominic joined the Marines just a few days after he finished High School.

Sergeant Albert Bucello was the second member of the family to enter the service. Albert, who is supply Sergeant with his company, entered the service in January 1943. He trained at Fort Bragg, N. C., and went overseas in November 1943. Albert spent a few months in North Africa and Sicily and arrived in France in time to take part in the invasion. He was wounded in France and evacuated to a hospital in England where he remained for about a month. He went back into action for a short time but due to a recurrence of a result of his injuries, he has again been hospitalized.

Albert told his family when he received his injuries, he was caught in an artillery barrage, while bringing supplies up to the front lines. He was unloading his truck when a piece of shrapnel struck him in the leg. He spent several weeks in the hospital and his leg healed to a point almost a month. Then the injury began to cause more trouble and he was again sent hospitalized and his doctors have stated it is necessary to amputate his leg.

Albert is graduated from Notre Dame High School and attended the Academy for two years. He was employed by Bausch Lomb before his entrance into the service.

Corporal Paul Bucello was the third member of the family to enter the service. He was inducted into the service January 1943. He trained at Fort Jackson, S. C., and was stationed for a short time at Parris Island, S. C. In January, 1943. After a short stay there he was moved to New River, N. C., and in June, 1943, was sent to the South Pacific area.

Paul has been active service at Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Peleliu and New Britain. He holds four campaign ribbons as well as a Presidential Unit Citation. After two years in the battle area, Paul was sent to Australia for a rest period. He returned home for a 30 day furlough and was promoted to the rank of Corporal. He is now stationed at Camp Lejeune, N. C.

Dominic Bucello was inducted