

### Bishop Kearney

## Night Adoration Imitates Christ

Following is the text of the talk given by Bishop Kearney at the annual Nocturnal Adoration Society breakfast held in the Church and Loomis cafeteria, Rochester, Sunday morning, March 15. Members earlier attended Mass in the adoration centers: Sacred Heart Cathedral, Blessed Sacrament, St. Andrew's and St. Monica's churches.

On this First Fasten Sunday, I consider it a privilege to offer Mass and then go to breakfast with the Nocturnal Adoration Society. What started as a little group, today has become a tremendous army of men so devoted to Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament that they consider no sacrifice too great in order to manifest that devotion.

This annual breakfast is the largest gathering of our men of the Diocese. You are here each year not for social purposes, nor for a program of helping any institution, nor for development of some phase of Catholic action, but to carry out the great Commandment of Jesus Christ: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with thy whole heart, with thy whole soul, and with all thy strength."

Every man getting up month after month for an hour of Nocturnal Adoration is certainly trying to live out that great command.

Nocturnal Adoration has a unique place in our devotion, unique because our monthly services are held during the night.

Some may ask, "Could not the same thing be accomplished if a man were to rise an hour earlier than he usually does before going to his business and spend his hour then or in the afternoon?" What is there that has challenged our special devotion during the night?

We might give several reasons for that; this world is quiet, things are restful in our homes, for us personally there are no distractions when we silently go to our church.

But on the other hand there is a note of sanctity about the night, even though some of the world's worst sins are committed after the setting of the sun.

In religion, however, there is a beautiful tradition about the night, created by God Himself.

It was in the silence of the night that the angel appeared in the heavens over Bethlehem. It was in the silence of the night that Joseph and Mary found the stable on the first Christmas Eve. It was in the silence of the night that the Creator of the world was born in Bethlehem. As the years went on we see our Lord working during the day, preaching and traveling, performing His miracles and talking to His Apostles. "Work while it is day because the night cometh when no man can work," He said.

But at night, we are told, He used to go out into the quiet mountain side. The Evangelist, in describing Christ's Agony in the Garden, says that after the Last Supper they went out into the Garden of Olives where the Master often went at night to commune with His eternal Father.

We know that the great Sacrament which draws us together month after month was instituted in the silence of the night at the Last Supper.

We know that under the cover of darkness the worst teaching in history, the handing over of the Son of Man to his oppressors by one of his apostles, was done under the cover of night. Friends were unto them, as came? And Judas kissed him. Jesus said, "Do not thou deliver the Son of Man with a kiss?" And all this in the shadow of the dark in the garden of Gethsemane.

Even in the bright afternoon of that first Good Friday when the solemn moment came for the salvation of mankind to be accomplished by the death of Jesus Christ on the cross, the Eternal Father darkened the world and night came on in early afternoon. Night was forever sanctified by the darkness upon the earth for three hours as the Son of God lived out His agony for the redemption of mankind.

Shall wonder then that we in our efforts to continue the power of that redemption try by our prayers and our meditations and the sacrifice of our confessions choose also the silence of the night?

It is very appropriate then that we should have chosen this particular time because of this magnificent tradition in the story of man's redemption.

As far as we ourselves are concerned, we know very well that the silence of the night gives us a calmness of spirit, an intimacy with the Blessed Sacrament, that the bustle of the day, the coming and going of other worshippers, the distractions that naturally come in a crowded church can never offer us. During our night-time adoration we are like a man at his desk, listening to a very beautiful symphony and carefully tuning out every possible sound that will interfere with the tenderness and beauty of the particular program.

My dear men, when we gather for our hour of adoration, before the Blessed Sacrament, we pick the time of night because it is then we are able to tune out the distractions, trials and concerns of the day and we kneel and pray in peace.

That is why I say that it is such a gratifying thing to realize that the largest gathering of men in this Diocese year after year is one not for social, educational, charity, welfare, but solely for the glory of God.

Our divine Lord once said, "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men to Myself." Every time you talk to a fellow Catholic about this intimate devotion that he can have at Nocturnal Adoration, you are lifting Christ before that man, you are making it possible for Christ to draw one more to Himself.

I am very happy to know that you plan to make as the special apostleship of your organization during this Easter week a program to share

with others these rich spiritual treasures which you possess.

Long ago the disciple told his friend, "I have found the Messiah who is called Christ." Asked, "where is he?" he said, "Come and see." So you can say as the disciple, "We have found Christ, in an intimate devotion that is found no where else. When they ask, 'Where is that?' say to them, 'Come and see.' God Bless You.



### Symbol Of Christian Hope

Cleveland —(RNS)— Symbolic of the Christian hope expressed in the feast of Easter is this model church built by Ivan Keller, Hungarian refugee now living in Cleveland. Using only his memory as a blueprint, the 28-year-old Keller, shown with his wife Priscilla, built the scale model in 240 painstaking hours — six full working weeks. Someday when his native land is again free, Mr. Keller hopes to attend Mass in the original church from which the model was copied—the Little parish church of St. Emery At Győr, Hungary.

### Mortgaged Mattresses

## 'Borrowed Money' Life Scored As Dangerous

St. Paul, Minn. —(RNS)— Living on borrowed money is "just as precarious" as living on borrowed lines, Archbishop William O. Brady has warned Roman Catholics of the St. Paul archdiocese.

The archbishop deplored the fact that modern business methods have made thrift "old-fashioned."

Writing in his weekly column in the Catholic Bulletin, Archbishop Brady reported he had counted 184 companies in the yellow sections of the Minneapolis and St. Paul telephone directories that are in the business of lending money.

"Dollars are offered at a price so that business can go on as we have become accustomed to it, sometimes so that the Jones family can keep step with the neighbors," he observed.

"So many young people today face marriage with a false sense of the future. They dream on mattresses that are not paid for, live in homes modern enough to brag about but with walls plastered with mortgages, while the checkbook must be juggled to keep up the payments on the freezer, the car and the doctor's bills.

### Book Shelf

## First 70 Years

By SISTER MARGARET TERESA  
Nazareth College

My First Seventy Years, by Sister M. Madeleva, C.S.C. Macmillan '51, 171 pp., \$3.50. At all bookstores.

This book is available to readers at the Catholic Evidence Library, Columbus Civic Center.

How a girl grew, how a little Chaucer student in a religious habit won the ear of a University, how the culture of Europe and of the United States came to St. Mary's — these stories make up Sister Madeleva's prelude to eternity—her First Seventy Years.

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Item: she shows a penetrating, grateful understanding of what's in a name. She takes great words seriously. Woman, daughter, religious, teacher, scholar, poet, administrator, friend — the names that have been hers—how reverently she has sounded them!

Item: The famous people, the places of renown providentially set in her way, aimed to her, appointed for her—how rightly she has accepted them, living positively, reaching out with two hands and, with her heart, to take and to give, and to remember, and to cherish, ordering meanwhile every opportunity and friendliness to the good of her thousand children.

Item, delightful item: With what joyous simplicity she has sung along the way! co-poet who must fill out the number of his praise, pondering the sacred, the still to be named, the truth-creators still groaning in travail until the poet's word reaches them.

The plain fact is that Sister Madeleva has meant had any disdain for any figure, big or little, walking her way in the great "procession of the creature to the divine love," and she has tended in good American fashion to bring them home; she is of the oldest America that even in modest circumstances kept a guest-room and was always "expecting company."

If Charles Du Bos, prince of French intellectuals and saintly convert, entered her life in her time of European study, then he entered it wholly, was made a friend, beloved at St. Mary's, enriched his academic life for a decade of years.

When the little Irish storyteller, Seamus MacManus, had come to her notice, he might come always, and would reciprocate when the ratched Erin's tale by taking her as deep into the closed circles of Irish life as a fairy might take one into a mound of the sidhe.

When a Notre Dame boy, weary of playing hour after hour for a segment of the "one thousand girls and seven thousand boys" to dance, came to a busy Dean to chat, he was welcomed and welcomed again and again, and the true friend who came to know him well would not be surprised when he became the world-famous doctor.



New York —(RNS)— Sister M. Madeleva, C.S.C. president of St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind., since 1934, autographs a copy of her book "My First Seventy Years" for Violet Salvatera of St. Barbara's parish here. The septuagenarian nun-poet was in New York to visit the publishers of her new work.

### Trend Grows

## Closed Good Friday

Philadelphia —(RNS)— Now in its 31st year, the Citizens' Good Friday Observance Committee of Philadelphia is a model to the rest of the country in Roman Catholic-Protestant cooperation, it well as serving the purpose for which it is named.

With no staff nor office of its own, an annual budget of about \$1,000, and no more than six meetings a year, the volunteer committee does a super-sized job of promotion.

The secret is form letters by the thousands, and placards in even greater quantity. Some of the letters are to individuals, churches and religious groups asking for contributions.

Mostly, they are to movie stores, taverns, hotels, and restaurants of information asking that some concession be made to the holy day, or some reference carried, such as "Observe Good Friday Reverently."

This Holy Week, several million persons will see evidence in some form of the committee's quiet efficiency. They are the large banners of a white cross and purple background.

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displayed in the center of the city, or replicas on billboards, posters and placards throughout the Greater Philadelphia area and South Jersey.

The comment are the small placards, worded variously: "Observe Good Friday," "Closed Good Friday," "Closed Noon to Three, Good Friday." These are distributed in large quantity.

A theatrical union, as in past years, cooperates to construct a 15-foot lighted cross and purple-hued background on Key-Burda Plaza.

Along with this solemn display, there will be the dramatic effect of several large office buildings lighted after dark on Holy Thursday and Good Friday nights. Engineers of the buildings do this for the committee.

Gov. David L. Lawrence and Mayor Richardson Dilworth and the heads of other local municipalities have been asked by the committee to issue Good Friday proclamations.

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Belgrade —(RNS)— Communist authorities here, for the second time, banned an issue of *Blagovest* (Annunciation), the only Roman Catholic magazine to be published in this country.

The new order prohibited sale and distribution of the periodical's March issue. Previously, the Belgrade District Court confirmed an order of the public prosecutor banning the February issue.

### High School Boys—Young Men

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