Confessions tonight
till 10:00, Dillon,
Howard & Cavanaugh.

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Make it HOLY Week.
Watch the vacation.
To all Happy Easter.

Why Did The Earth Quake?

Why was the veil of the Temple rent in
two? Because nature itself was shocked
to the very depths. It was the most re­
volting and violent act in all history:
God's Son affixed, with nails, to the
Bloody Tree.

Why Slam The Breviary Shut?
The clergy do that at the close of each
Tenebrae service this week to represent
the selfsame confusion which shattered
the physical peace of Jerusalem when God
gave His life for His friends.

You Should Make It Your Business,
as mature Catholic men, to know something
about the ceremonies and devotions of
Holy Week. It would do you good to
follow some of them while you are home.
For your convenience, here are a few
Holy Week facts taken from Fr. Sullivan's
very fine book, "The Externals of the
Catholic Church." (Two copies available
at each of the Prefect of Religion of­
ices.)

"Tenebrae" Services.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings,
derive their name from the Latin for dark­
ness. With saddest melody the penitential
psalms of Matins are chanted. And the
Lamentations of Jeremias are repeated in
mournful strains.

One by one, as the psalms are finished,
all but one of the candles are put out.
The Church is left nearly in darkness:
"And it was almost the sixth hour and
there was darkness over the whole earth
till the ninth hour. And the sun was
darkened."

Solemnly the choir sings the inspired
words of St. Paul: "Christ was made obed­
ient unto death, even to the death of the
Cross."All then recite David's Misere.ere.
The Evenssaries bang.

The single candle, left unextinguished,
represents the Light of the World. It is
the emblem of the Risen Saviour.

On Holy Thursday,
the earlier part of the Mass is quite joy­
ous. It recalls Christ's institution, "the
night before He died", of the Blessed Sac­
rament. But immediately after the Gloria,
the deepest mourning resumes. The sonorous
ringing of bells is replaced by the rat-a­
at-tat of the wooden clappers.

A second large Host is consecrated on the
"Altar of Repository" and there adored
through the night.

Then Comes Good Friday.

Day of days! Man's Redemption finally won.

First, the figure of Christ on the Cross
is unveiled. Then the Cross is adored. "We
adore Thee, 0 Christ, and bless Thee be­
cause by Thy Holy Cross Thou hast redeemed
the world."

The "Mass of the Pre-Sanctified" follows—
not a real Mass, since there is no sacri­
fice, but the priest simply consumes the
second large Host of the day before.

From twelve to three, the Tre Ore: tedious
hours of bitterest agony and the end of
the Way of the Cross.

Holy Saturday
is, as it were, the vigil of Easter, the
anticipation of Christ's Resurrection. In
early morning the Baptismal font is blessed,
Into the Paschal candle (Lumen Christi)
are imbedded five grains of incense to
stand for the Five Great Wounds.

To the Mass once more returns the Gloria,
bells ring out, the organ peals, and statues
shod their mantles of purple. At last it is

Easter.

Suffer with Him. You will rise with Him.

PRAYERS: (deceased) Mr. Albert Wendorf, friend of Art Gartland; cousin of Mark Roces
(Cav.); uncle of Robt. Donovan (Bd). Ill, father of Gene Dolan (Walsh); uncle of Fr.
Wenninger, C.S.C.; brother of Fr. Hoiser, C.S.C.; Mrs. John Milliken (Louisville); mother
of Geo. Wilcox '36; mother of Bill Brannigan; aunt of J. Propeck. Five spec. ints.