The world is busy today thinking of Others. Hitler is thinking of the Sudeten Czechs, but only to Nazify them. Stalin, more sweeping, is thinking of China and Spain and the whole world. With his little red sickle he is feverishly cutting down not wheat but men. Even some Christians yet think of Others the world's way. Cheap politicians who scurry through ritzy streets and tin-pan-alleys scraping up votes and, as long as it lasts, the "gravy." Slick business men who still pounce on the poor man and wrench his purse from his tight-clasping, bony hand.

There is another way to be thinking of Others. That is Christ's own way. His great thought for Others was to lay down His life for His friends. And He not only thought it, He did it. Too often, as his disciples, you are generous enough in thought, but pikers in practice. It all makes the world so sordid.

But what if this year you consecrate your living "For Others?" That will make fewer "rugged individualists" cluttering up the progress of God's love in this world, replace them with rugged individuals: rugged with the Faith, Hope and Charity of Our Lord; individuals in the sense of persons fully alive, formed to the image of Christ, dedicated to the service of Others.

Francis of Assisi was that kind of man. All day he sweated for Others. He prayed through the night for his friends. Never a thought of himself, except to shed an occasional tear to dissolve the sins of his youth, or to utter a sigh up to God asking His blessing upon his work. This, for the sake of Others. Francis could give and take, but he mostly gave. And he knew how to smile.

How far do you live like Christ or Francis? Isn't it true, you're always trying to drive a bargain? How hard have you tried to spread the consolations of your Catholic Faith? Have you led your first convert to the feet of Christ? Do you walk very often among Christ's poor, yourself distributing bread, or is it only an occasional alms in the poor-box? Does it make any difference to you that the King of Swing fills the Communist coffers in Spain? Or must you still swing? These are questions that sound out how much you are living for Others.

If you would effectively break the chain of selfishness which drags the world on the ground, keeps it from soaring light and joyous toward God, meditate well the words on the front of your Eucharistic Calendar:

While you're young, God gives you strength to do a big job. Today you face a world which you must change if you would live in it happily. You can change it only with the grace Christ gives you in His sacraments. First He changes you. Then with Him, you change the world. Living with His life and love, YOU CUT THE ROOTS OF SELFISHNESS: YOU LIVE CHRIST'S WAY—FOR OTHERS.

Only this unselfish, sacramental, Christian love has dynamite enough to blast the greed of individuals and nations, and balm enough to heal their wounds.

From this year on, live SACRAMENTALLY, live unselfishly FOR OTHERS.

There you have your program. If you're not convinced that you owe the world yourself, your life and talents and your love, drop in and let a priest convince you. Christ said: "A new commandment I give unto you. Love one another as I have loved you." Love them—even to death.

PRAYERS: (deceased) father of Henry (Badin) and Tom ('38) and Joe ('31) Hughes; mother of Dick Loahy '38; Tom Shea ('09); Joseph O'Donnell (New Rochelle, N.Y.); Ill, George Halting; mother of Al Carnevale (Bro.); Mike Vonech (Zahm); mother of E. Kolb (St. E.).; father of A.J. Rizzi (Son); friend of Tom Ziegler (Alumn); mother of John Vicars (Off-Campus); friend of John Griffin (Cav.). Four special intentions.