A DIAMOND FOR MARY

In the Old World and New, the Congregation of Holy Cross has always loved the sweet name of Mary. From the very humble beginnings of Notre Dame de Sainte Croix in Le Mans, the Fathers and Brothers have invoked her aid and labored under her blessed protection.

In 1842, when Father Sorin and his six Brother companions left the original Mother-house for the missions in Indiana, they did not leave their Mother behind. At the first sight of the lake, Father Sorin called it St. Mary's. And his heart could conceive no other name for his little college than Notre Dame.

After twenty-three years of pioneer struggling against poverty, sickness and death, Father Sorin founded THE AVE MARIA to spread true devotion to Mary in America. That was in Mary's Month, 1865.

This May the Very Reverend President, Faculty, Students and Religious Bulletin of Notre Dame join with the staff of THE AVE MARIA in giving thanks to God and Our Lady for THE AVE MARIA'S privilege of rounding out seventy-five continuous years in the service of Mary.

In Saturday's number (May 4, 1940), now at the pamphlet racks and in thousands of Catholic homes everywhere, Father Matthew A. Coyle, C.S.C., tells the story of "The Ave Maria in Retrospect." To read this account is to relive the highlights of American Catholic history since the Civil War. It is to converse once again with Archbishop Spalding and Orestes A. Brownson, to follow the Indian trail of the famous Jesuit Father Peter De Smet; it is to breathe again the wholesome atmosphere of lively faith and indefatigable work which raised Notre Dame from its tiny foundations to its University stature of today.

But these articles are not THE AVE MARIA. They are THE AVE MARIA viewing the Catholic scene as it changed, and presenting the principal actors as they appeared. Father Patrick J. Carroll, C.S.C., present editor, vigorous author and poet, devotes his "Weekly Page" to the essence of THE AVE MARIA itself, that "wisp of a man," the saintly, white-bearded priest of "Jesus-through-Mary" — Father Daniel A. Hudson. The poem "Remembrance," by Father Thomas A. Burke, C.S.C., looks back upon Father Hudson as a "fragrance," "a vanished light," and "something of loveliness."

A score of devoted Brothers of Holy Cross — Casimir, Mark, Henry and Alan, to mention but four — manage the AVE MARIA press and scour the country seeking subscribers for the Magazine of Our Lady.

May THE AVE MARIA long carry on for God and His Holy Mother. And may the spirit of Father Hudson continue in its line of editors!

PRAYERS: (Deceased) wife of Professor Froning; Very Rev. Mother M. Joseph Butler; Msgr. Bernard Quinn, uncle of Chas. Quinn, '34; father of Bernie Peele, ex-'41; mother of Robert Boyle; Mother Maria Kaupas; friend of Brother Alexis, C.S.C.; uncle of Noel MacCarry (How.); [anniv.] father of Joe Slattery (Cav.); Mrs. Pauley; father of Rev. Thos. Byrnes (NY); [anniv.] Mrs. Agnes Farley; Mrs. Fred Holland; relative of Al Mago (How.); (Ill) [appendectomy] Don Degnan (BP); uncle of Ed Burns (Cav.); Mrs. Mary MacKinnon; friend of Ray Schoonhoven (BP); (injured) Dick Pauley; father of Al Muench (Cav.); sister of Bill Meyer (Z); [operation] Father of Ed Malone (Dil.); four special intentions.