Poor Everything.

"The poor little kitten!", "I saw a poor bird!"
And, "Look at the poor horse! "The poor dog!"
is heard Whenever the Irish with quick sympathy
Talk of birds or of beasts that they happen to see.

"There goes Mrs. Power, poor woman looks sick,"
"Poor Kate's in a hurry", "What happened, poor Dick!"
And so speak the Irish, with kindness it's said,
"God rest them, poor souls," is their prayer for the dead.

How sweet is the feeling this adjective brings
When used by these people to canonize things;
So full are these hearts from across the Old Sod,
That they comfort all things, and pity poor God!

Before the Pieta: "Poor Darling," they say,
As they gaze fit; the Mother of Jesus, and pray;
They kiss the bruised Knees of poor Christ, Who I'm sure,
Must love to be tenderly thought of as poor!

(Desmond Lonergan in Columbia, March)

A Recent Miracle.

Last night in his sermon, the Bishop of Lourdes told about the supernatural cure of an eight-year-old lad. An accident brought complete blindness to the boy. One day he was at Lourdes with his mother. He followed his mother as she made the Way of the Cross. The miracle happened at the fourth Station. While standing before the Station, the boy turned to his mother and said, "I like your dress." He actually saw the dress, and he has been seeing everything since.

It is interesting to note where the miracle took place. Most miracles at Lourdes take place in the baths or when the sick person is blessed by the Host. This one took place at the fourth Station -- Christ meets his afflicted mother. It was there that the Mother of God came to answer the prayers of this other afflicted mother.

This is an unusual cure. The miracle did not return the health or repair the injured retina and other parts of the lad's eyes. They still remain in their broken down condition. With his eyes in such a state he cannot possibly see, yet he does.

Our Lady will work the miracle of peace, the Bishop said, if we but pray to her. He urged everyone to say daily for peace the Our Father, Hail Mary and "Queen of Peace, pray for us."

PRAYERS: (III) Jim McLaughlin, ex '50, operation today in Pittsburgh; Helen Geary, cousin of Bob Walsh (Wal). Eight Special Intentions.

TONIGHT 7:00 PM, LENTEN SERMON & BENEDICTION
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