Kindness Goes A Long, Long Way.

Bernard Kolash (November 4th Ave Maria) in his article "The Padre Of The Poor" tells of an incident about the late Father Baker and his internationally famous Homes of Charity in Lackawanna, New York.

Father Baker's kindness to the poor and forgotten ones of Christ had no practical limits. At times his charity appeared unreasonable. In one year over 1,000,000 loaves of bread and 1,300,000 meals were served to hungry people. One of his assistants protested against such prodigality: "This giving, Father, can be carried too far. . . . Some day you may have to answer to God. What will you say to Him?"

Father Baker smiled: "Oh, I'll just look up at Him and say, 'Listen, dear Lord, I was never so kind as You were.'"

If charity is in order—everything is in order, for "charity covereth a multitude of sins." As a basis for passing final judgment on the last day Christ will rest His case on your corporeal works of mercy—feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked. . . . ransoming the captive. . . . Toward the uncharitable, the selfish, the sinners whose souls will be damned He proclaims these terrible words of malediction: "Depart from me ye cursed into everlasting fire. . . . For I was hungry and you gave Me not to eat. . . ."

Ransom The Captives.

Deposit your lists of deceased relatives and friends in the Poor Souls' box at the pamphlet racks in Dillon and Cavanaugh. We remind you again that these lists will be placed on the altar where a novena of Masses will be celebrated by your student chaplains. Be loyal to your deceased. See to it that their names are registered.

The Novena for the Poor Souls (third announcement) begins Thursday. How many Poor Souls will you ransom from purgatory this month? You won't know without a special revelation, but it will not take a special revelation for you to know how much of an effort you are making to free souls from the fires of purgatory.

Pray For Priests.

Priests, Brothers and Sisters want your prayers -- souls are saved in the world today because of the sacrifices they made years ago in leaving the world and all good things in it. Being the eyes of Christ searching for lost sheep....being the lips of Christ preaching the Gospel.....being the ears of Christ listening to the cries of the afflicted....being the hands of Christ blessing little children, being the feet of Christ visiting the sick and burying the dead....being the mind of Christ instructing the ignorant and defending the truth....being the heart of Christ loving all men--such a life has its compensations, its hundredfold reward, but it likewise has its disappointments.

When only one leper returned to thank Him after ten had been made clean, Our Lord was disappointed. It takes courage for "other Christs" to keep spiritual vim vigorous under similar circumstances. No matter how saintly a priest or religious—ingratitude cuts deep.

St. Paul asked his converts to pray for him, lest, while he preached to others, he himself become a castaway. Priests and religious have a special claim in gratitude on your prayers. Laborers are too few--the harvest is great. If you don't think you have a vocation try praying for one. There are scores among you who would make fine priests. Ask for the initial grit to take the first firm step toward the Altar. If you have such ideas consult a priest for guidance.