Say a daily prayer for... Religious Bulletin... vocations to the priesthood, January 16, 1951

Chair Of Unity Octave And Daily Intentions.

January 18—The return of all the "other sheep" to the one fold of St. Peter, the one shepherd.

January 19—The return of all Oriental Separatists to communion with the Apostolic See.

January 20—The submission of Anglicans to the authority of the Vicar of Christ.

January 21—That the Lutherans and all other Protestants of continental Europe may find their way back to Holy Church.

January 22—That Christians in America may become one in communion with the chair of St. Peter.

January 23—The return to the sacraments of lapsed Catholics.

January 24—The return to America of the Jews.

January 25—The missionary conquest of the world for Christ.

Say This Prayer Daily.

Antiphon: That they all may be one, as Thou, Father, in Me and I in Thee; that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me. (John 17,21)

Versical: I say unto thee that Thou art Peter;
Response: And upon this rock I will build My Church.

Prayer: O Lord Jesus Christ, who saidst unto Thine Apostles: Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: Regard not our sins, but the faith of Thy Church, and grant unto her that peace and unity which are agreeable to Thy will; who livesth and reignest God forever and ever. Amen.

How To Make The Octave And Share Your Faith.

The Octave begins Thursday, January 18, the feast of St. Peter's Chair at Rome, and ends on Thursday, January 25, the feast of St. Paul's Conversion. Include the intentions of the Octave in your Masses and Holy Communions on these days, and say the little prayer of the Octave quoted above. Also include in your prayer-intentions the non-Catholics whose names were turned in to be placed on the altar where eight Masses (during the Octave) will be celebrated.

It Could Be Your Neck!

From 3 to 5 per cent of our student body are non-Catholics. Prayer and good example go a long way toward interesting them in the Church. On the other hand, scandalizing them could set them back five or ten years, or more. If they don't come in at all because of the scandal you have given them here at a Catholic university, what excuses will you make on the Last Day for that?

Take, for example, telling immodest stories. These do scandalize non-Catholics. How are they going to know that your behavior is better (if it is) than your talk? What thoughts do you think run through their minds? They know you go to confession and receive Communion. "But," they say, "aren't Catholics supposed to amend their ways after going to confession?" If any non-Catholic thinks less of the Church because of your conduct, you have given scandal and have not shared your faith.

You may be surprised to learn at the Last Judgment how many well-intentioned non-Catholics you have kept out of the Church. Our Lord said some pretty rough words about scandal-givers: "Woe to that man by whom the scandal cometh... It were better for him that a millstone should be hung about his neck, and that he should be drowned in the depth of the sea."