Tonight: Novena Devotions at 6:45 Sacred Heart Church

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October 17, 1952 Father Peyton speaks at

Fatima Shrine on campus.

Listen To This Man Pray:

"O Lord, Thou knowest that I have nine houses in the city of South Bend, and likewise that I have lately purchased an estate in fee simple in the county of Laporte. Lord, I beseech Thee to preserve the counties of St. Joseph and Laporte from fires and earthquakes!

"And I have mortgages in Niles, I beg of Thee likewise to have an eye of compassion on that village. And, Lord, for the rest of the neighborhood, Thou mayest deal with it as Thou art pleased!

"O Lord, enable the bank to honor all checks always, and make all my debtors honest men. Give a prosperous voyage and return to my truck line -- which I have insured -- and Lord, Thou hast said: 'The days of the wicked are short'; and I trust Thou wilt not forget Thy promise -- more especially since I have just purchased an estate in reversion (by repossession) from a profligate young man who would not meet his payments.

"Lord, keep our funds from sinking; and if it be Thy will, let there be no sinking fund.

"Keep my son, Caleb, from gaming houses, and out of the reach of evil company, and from gamblers, and from such as would borrow, having no mind to repay their debts.

"Sanctify, O Lord, this night to me by preserving me from thieyes and fires; and make my servants honest and careful, while I, Thy servant, lie down in Thy protection, Amen!" -- (Freely Translated and adapted)

It's Slightly Ridiculous...

You keep telling yourself. But, if the truth were known, there may be portions of that prayer in our own hearts, whether we care to admit it or not. Bishop Fulton J. Sheen suggests a good antidote:

"The only really unhappy people in the world are the selfish! The emptying of self, as Our Lord emptied Himself in becoming man, is the first condition of being happy.

"In each of us is something good and something bad. The good helps to get rid of the bad by making a sacrifice of what we have, in order that we may be what God wants us to be.

"But sacrifice for what? To bring the knowledge and love of Our Lord, His Blessed Mother, and the Church, to those in our poor missions at home and elsewhere, all of whom are yet stumbling to the light."

This is Mission Sunday. All collections at all the Masses go to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Do something for your own peace of soul, and for the souls of others. Our Holy Father calls such sacrifices "the charity that surpasses all other charities as heaven surpasses earth, and eternity, time."

Prayers: Deceased: Stephen L. Furches, brother-in-law of Professor Danehy; grandfather of Mrs. Budinger; father of Bob Stanton of Sorin hall. Ill: friend of Dave Budinger (polio); Dr. Stanley Clark of South Bend.

Tomorrow -- Remember the team in chapel.