The pleasant old gentleman being served by the clerk in the liquor store seemed undecided. "How much is that?" he asked, indicating a quality Scotch. The answer was $6.35.

"Let's see; that would be ...$12.70," the customer mused. "Have you something a little less expensive?" The clerk studied him a moment, then said courteously, "Here's one for $5.75."

The old man pondered. "That would mean $11.50," he muttered hesitantly. He asked for other prices and finally made his choice.

"Sir," the clerk said, "would you mind telling me why you always double the figure I quoted you? Were you thinking of two bottles."

"Not at all. You see, the way I look at it, the Lord is entitled to just as much as the devil. Every time I make an investment in some form of vice, I match it dollar for dollar with a donation to my church. That way the Lord gets an even break, and it makes sinning so expensive I can't afford much of it."

This procedure may not be the highest form of self-denial; but it's a good start. And it's enough to start us thinking about our own generosity to the Lord during these days of Lent.

And the great charity of the moment, and closest at hand to you, is the Bengal Bouts. It's an ideal occasion to give the Lord a break. That's why we recommend your buying a ticket, whether you have time to attend all the bouts or not. It's your opportunity to be a good sport! For some of you it could be the initial act of self-denial for the Lenten season.

Take A Hint From The Seniors

This weekend, the Seniors are dropping everything, even classes, for their retreat. And this could be the soundest investment of a weekend they have ever made during their years at Notre Dame. Following their example, the rest of us will have a Weekend of Recollection. It's more of a mid-Lent checkup. Each rector has arranged a little quasi-retreat that is geared to the needs of the men in his hall. You are expected to follow the schedule he maps out for you. Watch your hall bulletin boards for the program to be followed.

Father Murray Speaks Tonight

Come over to the Lenten Series tonight at 6:45 in Sacred Heart Church, as recommended by the Bishop for those exempted from the fast and abstinence. There'll be no falling asleep when Father Murray moves into the pulpit. And he'll have you out of church in ample time to make the Bengal Bouts in the gym.