Throughout the nation, this weekend, all colleges affiliated with the National Federation of Catholic College Students will observe Youth Adoration Day. At Notre Dame we shall fulfill our obligation on Friday in the Lady Chapel of Sacred Heart Church.

Pentecost Weekend is especially appropriate for this devotion. It's the time to obtain Divine Guidance and the strength the Paraclete gives. To Him is attributed the work of sanctification; and from Him come the gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Counsel, Fortitude, Piety, and Fear of the Lord.

Intentions

It is the Holy Spirit Whom we should petition for the success of our missionaries at home and abroad; for an extension of the Catholic Youth Apostolate in the growing fields of physical science; and it is an excellent time to recall and pray for the youth held in bondage under the hammer and sickle. It is also a time to pray for a great increase in religious vocations.

This is the weekend that we recall the coming of the Holy Spirit and the Birthday of the Church. It is an appropriate time to recall our responsibilities to the Church and Her needs in our day. Maybe you have never really prayed for the conversion of anyone before. Do it this Friday, with a half-hour of Adoration, asking the Holy Ghost to enlighten those who sit in darkness. Cardinal Newman, you will recall, had a great mind and vast erudition. He probably knew more about the Catholic Church than most of us. Yet, he did not enter the Church until his prayer, "Lead Kindly Light," was answered, and the Holy Ghost gave him the grace that only the Holy Ghost can give.

Some of you have yet to set foot in the Lady Chapel. Friday terminates our Adoration for the year, and will be your last opportunity. Drop in for a half-hour -- any half-hour -- between 10:00 and 5:00.

And Our Own Sins!

Just as the glory of the Good Shepherd is the size of his flock of sheep in Heaven, so the shame of the damned soul is the size of the flock of goats (mutton-heads!) he sends to Hell. Scandal is leading another person into sin. We are responsible for our actions, good or bad. And some of us are due for a surprise when we see, on Judgment Day, how far our actions have reached.

Those who organize an occasional safari to neighboring shady resorts, leading innocents to the slaughter, could very well add the intention of reparation for sins to the half-hour they ought to spend in the Lady Chapel, this coming Friday.

The Biggest Goof

The committee on goofs is working day and night to locate the biggest goof in the University. That should be easy, because the biggest goof in the world is the man who lives in the state of mortal sin. All the Devils in hell are laughing at him. Don't ever let it happen to you. It's easy to become ineligible for this dubious distinction -- hit the box immediately!