Pope To Give Easter Message Holy Saturday

Pope John XXIII will deliver his first Easter Message at 8:00 P.M. Rome time (2:00 P.M., EST) on Holy Saturday, with Vatican Radio broadcasting it to the world. On Easter Sunday, the Pope will celebrate his Easter Mass in St. Peter’s, and then at noon will go to the balcony of the basilica to give his blessing Urbi et Orbi—to the city and the world—before the crowd in St. Peter’s Square.

Of note also are the following radio and TV programs. On Friday, March 27, at 1:30 P.M., ABC-TV will present a special Good Friday documentary, "The Shroud of Turin", by Rev. Francis L. Filas, S.J. The linen burial cloth has been honored for centuries as the cloth that wrapped the body of Christ in the tomb. Also on Friday, at 1:30 P.M., NBC-TV will present the high points of the Church’s liturgy of Holy Week. Then, at 12:30 P.M. on Holy Saturday NBC-TV will present a film entitled, "The Easter Vigil". The film will deal with the preparation for celebration of the Easter Vigil Mass with comment on the meaning of the actions and reference to their origin in Scripture.

HOLY THURSDAY IS THE FEAST OF THE INSTITUTION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST. LET EVERYONE BE SURE TO RECEIVE OUR LORD IN HOLY COMMUNION ON THIS DAY. THE MASS WILL BE OFFERED IN MOST PARISHES AROUND 5:00 P.M.

YOUR PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED for the following: Deceased: Father of Fr. Campion Murphy, M.S.S.T., of Howard; Mr. Bernhard F. Cordts; aunt of Warren Albright of Walsh; cousin of Ross Wilkenson of Sorin; friend of Dick Lark of Fisher. Ill: Mrs. Francis J. O'Donnell (sister-in-law of former ND President, Fr. Hugh O'Donnell, C.S.C.); mother of Joseph Maguire of the English Dept.; father of Jim Kaval of Lyons.

THE ROMAN RITUAL has a special blessing for Easter eggs:

"WE BESEECH THEE, O LORD, TO BESTOW THY BENIGN BLESSING UPON THESE EGGS, TO MAKE THEM A WHOLESALE FOOD FOR THE FAITHFUL, WHO GRATEFULLY PARTAKE OF THEM IN HONOR OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST."

In Ireland, grownups give eggs as presents. The number of eggs to be given away is regulated by this ancient saying among Irish country folk: "One egg for the true gentleman; two eggs for the gentleman; three eggs for the churl; four eggs for the lowest churl."

EASTER
O mystery great and glorious,
That mortal flesh should conquer death,
And all our human pains and wounds
The Lord should heal by bearing them.

Behold how man, though crushed by death,
Now does arise and live with Christ,
While death, repelled and robbed of might,
Dies from its own malignant sting.

Saint Ambrose

TWENTY-EIGHT years ago this week Knute Rockne, en route to Los Angeles to make a motion picture, died in a tragic airplane crash near Bazaar, Kan. With his death football lost a witty wizard who as head coach for twelve years (1918-30) had guided Notre Dame to 105 victories as against only 12 defeats. Rockne's teams were undefeated and untied throughout 1929 and 1930—his last two seasons of coaching.
O blessed Head so wounded,
Reviled and put to scorn!

O sacred Head, disfigured
And crowned with piercing thorn!

O Head, what precious jewels
Should crown thee, rich and bright;
In tears I will adore thee
And tremble at thy sight.

Bitter sorrows, deep and renting,
Pierce our hearts in great lamenting.

Fill our eyes with tears of anguish,
Make our souls in pity languish,

As the Savior's death we ponder
With compassion, grief and wonder:

Touch our hearts, O Christ, most holy,
With compunction, strong and lowly.

Through thy passion, borne in meekness
Free us, Lord, from sin and weakness.

Following thy painful paces,
May we share thy passion's graces.