A WORD OF COMMENDATION is in order for those seniors who made the trip to Detroit on Wednesday for the funeral Mass of Tony Champagne. About 75 students made the trip, at a time when everyone is preparing for exams.

AND, SPEAKING OF EXAMS...THE NOVENA for exams began yesterday. So, if you didn’t start, better start at the 5:10 Mass this evening.


THE CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE OPENS MONDAY NEXT.

The Unity
For Which We Pray

“There is no other unity possible in the divine economy save that which is built upon the same foundation as the one on which Christ Jesus, the Lord and Master, founded His Church, and you know what that foundation is. And I say to thee that thou art Peter and upon this Rock I will build My Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give to thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven (by which He meant His Church) and whatever thou shalt bind upon earth shall be bound also in heaven, and whatever thou shalt loose upon earth shall be loosed also in heaven.”

The Daily Intentions
Jan. 18, Feast of St. Peter’s Chair at Rome, The return of all the “other sheep” to the one Fold of St. Peter, the One Shepherd.

Jan. 19. The return of all Oriental Separatists to Communion with the Apostolic See.

Jan. 20. The submission of Anglicans to the Authority of the Vicar of Christ.

Jan. 21. That the Lutherans and all other Protestants of Continental Europe may find their way “Back to Holy Church.”

Jan. 22. That Christians in America may become One in communion with the Chair of St. Peter.

Jan. 23. The return to the Sacraments of lapsed Catholics.


Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be offered daily, along with the prayers for these intentions, immediately following the 5:10 Mass in Sacred Heart Church.
THE CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE, during which we pray for the return to Catholic communion of those who have been separated from the Chair of Peter at Rome, is a good time for examining the unity that does or should exist in the Church. In the Church, there is a most intimate union or "oneness" between members and Jesus Christ and between all members with each other.

HIS DISCIPLES heard Our Lord speak of the vine and the branches, of the bridegroom and the bride, of the identity between Him and the least of His brethren. They heard Him pray at the Last Supper that they might be one as He and His Father are one.

ST. PAUL compared the union between Christ and His Church to the union between the head and the body of a human being. It's easy to appreciate the unity in the human body, the close inter-relation of parts. The body's health depends on the health of the separate parts. Each part is sympathetic toward the other parts; one does not ignore the others. And what is done to one part is done to the others, and what is done to one of the parts is done to the head and to the whole.

THE PHYSICAL BODY OF CHRIST ascended into Heaven. It is also present on the altar and in the tabernacle under the sacramental form of bread and wine. But the Mystical Body of Christ--stemming from the fact that He has joined us to Himself--is the means Christ has chosen to carry on His work here on earth; teaching, ruling, and sanctifying.

ON THE CROSS, Christ offered His Body as it then was. In the Mass, He offers His Body as It now is. It is the "Whole Christ" Who offers and is offered. And since we are joined with Christ through membership in the Mystical Body, that we offer--through the priest--and are offered with Christ in every Sacrifice of the Mass. Thus, we can no longer be mere spectators, but must be participants in the Sacrifice of the Mass. We can't be mere on-lookers at something He does. We must be sharers in that Sacred Action that is both His and ours.

DURING THE CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE, we should pray, then, for the Pope's unity plans, but also that we might grow to better understand and love the doctrine of the Mystical Body of Christ. It is the key which will open the door to the understanding of God's plan for mankind's salvation. Moreover, when we work and pray together "in terms of Christian love", we have good reasons for believing that God in His mercy will bring all men together in the same Church, the same doctrine, and the same worship. So, let's have more enthusiastic participation in each day's offering of the Holy Sacrifice. Don't be reluctant to raise your voice in church.