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SOLEMN OPENING OF DEVOTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY
SUNDAY, MAY 1ST
The Grotto
8:00 P.M.

Rosary
Hymn: Immaculate Mary
Sermon: Rev. John A. O'Brien
Hymn: On This Day
Benediction
Hymn: Holy God

(In the event of rain, go directly to Sacred Heart Church.)

• CHECK THE DIRECTIONS FOR THE PROCESSION TO THE GROTTO. THEY WERE PRINTED IN WEDNESDAY'S BULLETIN.

Third Annual Symposium on CHRISTIAN CULTURE
TONIGHT Christopher Dawson, Harvard University. First lecture of Christian Culture Symposium: "Christian Culture and American Education". 7:30 p.m. Little Theatre.

TOMORROW Christian Culture Symposium: Mircea Eliade, University of Chicago, "History and the Cyclical View of Time", 10:00 a.m., Vernon J. Bourke, Saint Louis University, "The 'City of God' and the Christian View of History", 11:00 a.m., Randall Stewart, Vanderbilt University, "Doctrines of Man in American Literature", 2:00 p.m., Sir Hugh Taylor, Princeton, "Science and Religion: Towards Unity", 3:00 p.m. Little Theatre.

SAINT MARY’S COLLEGE

• DEVOTIONS IN HONOR OF OUR SORROWFUL MOTHER, tonight at 6:45, in Sacred Heart Church. Confessions after devotions.

• CONFESSIONS TOMORROW EVENING IN SACRED HEART CHURCH FROM 6:00 UNTIL 8:30 P.M.

• BEGINNING AT NOON ON MONDAY, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed each week-day during May in the Lady Chapel of Sacred Heart Church. ALUMNI, FISHER, WALSH, and STANFORD residents will take their turn at making a half hour of adoration on Monday.

• ARE YOU NEGLECTING YOUR MOTHER by failing to make the Novena for her intentions???? The Novena began yesterday. It's not too late, however, to start this evening at 5:10.

• MONDAY EVENING AT 6:30, and every evening during May there will be devotions in honor of Our Lady at the Grotto. A few hymns and a few prayers. Gather up your friends and come along.

• PRAYERS. Deceased: Mother of Jack Dugan, Off-Campus; Mrs. William T. Collins; Thomas Farrell, '30; wife of William W. Turner, '16; Arthur F. Wolf, '99; Alfred R. Morin, '28; wife of John Abbatemarco, '33; Robert L. Kehoe, '42; mother of John T. Giambruno, '54; friend of Tom Vogt, Off-Campus; grandmother of Terry Andrew of Dillon. Ill: Sister of Pat Heenan of Alumni; father of Matt McKenna, Off-Campus; mother of Jim Murphy of Alumni and Matt Murphy of Stanford; friend of Paul Nissi and John Bird of Badin; friend of Ray Hurley of Howard; Helen Collopy; Beverly Ludka.
THE FIRST OF THE CLASS DANCE WEEK-ends has arrived. This week-end and next we may be sure that more than a few diamonds and miniatures will be finding their way from pockets to fingers. The giving of these rings may take place in the shadow of the Grotto or in a crowded room. The place of giving is not so important. What is important is the symbolism that attaches to such a ring. It is circular, without beginning or end. It is fashioned of materials purified by the fire or mined at great expense. It represents a great sacrifice on the part of the giver. It suggests that outside interests are to be now ruled out. Moreover, there is a hint that just as the metal was tried in the fire, so too may the love between the newly engaged be tried in the fire, as the years pass.

THERE IS A CERTAIN FITTINGNESS in adorning the hand with something so precious, so symbolic. For, after the face, the hand is the most spiritual part of the body. It is a means through which we reveal our soul. By it we express trust, joy, agreement, and sympathy. The Church tells us that God has given us our hands in order that we may carry our souls in them. The hands, on occasion, can betray sloth of heart, distraction, and other failings. Let therefore any adornments placed on them be an outward reflection of innermost strength and beauty.

THE GIVING OF A RING does more than simply cause a ripple of excitement among the recipient's friends. It usually begins an association that is destined to end in the celebration of a sacrament. The sacrament, in turn, begins an association that will end in eternity, both for those who are engaged today and for those whom God may ultimately entrust to their care. Obviously, then, these are significant days. Days which may well have a bearing on one's eternal salvation. Tread carefully.

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