

PASSING THRU— by VN LIM



Did you know that this magazine reaches a reader (or, more probably, some readers) in the USA? I used to think that when this mag was distributed it would end up under a pile of dust in some battered cabinet. Or maybe YOU can put it to more practical use such as a bench cushion or a form of sunshade. Me, I usually use it to . . . aw, skip it.

What do you read first in a magazine like this? Some people start with the Editorial, follows same with the news, then glides on to the articles, features, and ends up eyeing the pics. Others start the attack with a rapturous gaze of the cover, then turn it over to read the latest ad plastered on the back cover, after that they open the mag at the middle and scan the photos on the pictorial page, then riffle the pages for some chance eye-catching headline, peer at the cuts and drawings, take a peek at the Sección Castellana, and simply slam it down after that and return their attention to the prof. Me, I look at the Editorial staff lineup and see if my name's still there!

Say, what's a caged lizard doing in the men's washroom up there in the third floor? I'm thinking what a riot it'll create if it should go free for a while and decide to take a look-see in the Pharmacy lab next door! Those grey-clad Pharmsers will no doubt make a lively panic. Hoh, very funny.

There are two sorry guys nowadays. By the time this'll come out in print they'll be away in Camp. You see, last year while we labored under a Springfield rifle they were in the poolroom shooting marble balls and giving us the rib for being 'tall guys' and sad sacks. In other words, they thought ROTC evasion pays. They were right. It does pay — in terms of ten-month training period. Now they had to leave school and train. One of 'em is married, too. Poor guy. . . . I mean, poor wife!

Maybe the university should also install a student telephone service. Like a public phone booth where the caller has to pay for a call. Right now the lady in the University drugstore singles you with a withering glare if you ask to use the phone in the office. Yeah, how about it . . . ? And this time no dials, please. Just the sweet voice of the Telephone Company's operator cooing, "Number, please!"

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powerful means of obtaining **temporal blessings** we have the most striking evidence in the very existence of the feast of the most holy Rosary. It was to commemorate two great temporal favors obtained through its instrumentality that this feast was instituted. These memorable events are the two great victories over the Turks — one at Lepanto (1571), the other at Temesvar in Hungary (1716) — both miraculously obtained through the intervention of the Queen of the most holy Rosary.

2. But the fruits of the holy Rosary are not confined to this life; they extend also to the **life to come**. As a penitential work, and an exercise which enjoys the privilege of many indulgences, the Rosary is a most effectual means of cancelling the temporal punishment due to sin. Besides, it secures for ourselves and for the suffering souls in Purgatory the powerful intercession of the Mother of God, which appeases the divine wrath and moves Almighty God to shorten or alleviate the pains of the suffering souls. Such are, in brief, the fruits of the devotion of the Holy Rosary.

It is a subject on which much more might be said. But which is not the little I have said sufficient to convince you of the excellence of this devotion, to fill you with a high esteem for it, and inspire you with renewed confidence in its effects, and fervor in its practice? The least I can expect of you, then, and what your heavenly Mother expects of you, is that all of you — also the men, — have your beads and use them; that those who are not yet used to the practice of reciting the holy Rosary, start doing so this very moment. Besides, I would earnestly entreat you, Christian parents, for the benefit of your own souls and those of your children daily to assemble your children around you for the recitation of the Rosary in common. If you cannot recite all five decades, it will not be too much to ask you to recite one or two every day. Thus you and your household will be under the special protection of the Queen of heaven, the Queen of the most holy Rosary. She will bless you in this life, plead for you before the judgment-seat of God, and receive you into the mansion of everlasting bliss.