

HOPE

A Lenten Prayer Service
Blessed Sacrament RELIG Center

Wednesday, March 31, 1982

OPENING SONG (Please all sing along)

"You've Got A Friend"

When you're down and troubled, and you need some lovin' care
And nothing, no nothing is going right.
Close your eyes and think of Me and soon I will be there
To brighten up even your darkest nights.
You just call out my name, and you know wherever I am
I'll come running, to see you again.
Winter, spring, summer or fall, all you've got to do is call
And I'll be there, you've got a friend.

If the sky above you should turn dark and full of clouds
And that old North wind should begin to blow
Keep your head together, and call my name out loud
Soon, I'll be knocking upon your door.
You just call out my name, and you know wherever I am
I'll come running to see you again.
Winter, spring, summer, or fall, all you've got to do is call.
And I'll be there.

Well, ain't it good to know that you've got a friend
When people can be so cold.
They'll hurt you, and desert you, they'll take your soul if you let them
Oh, but don't you let them!
You just call out my name, and you know wherever I am
I'll come running, to see you again.
Winter, spring, summer or fall, all you've got to do is call.
And I'll be there, you've got a friend.

OPENING PRAYER (composed by Nick Verna's 9th Grade Boys--read by Msgr. Hanlon)

Welcome to our RELIG Lenten Prayer Service. Tonight's theme is hope--
the hope to become better people and better Christians. We hope to
become closer to Jesus and our faith by actively participating in
Sunday Mass, collecting Christmas presents for the needy, sharing our
wealth with the poor, and skating for those who can't. We pray that
we may continue to grow in our love for each other right here and
now--and throughout the world. Amen.

FIRST READING (Read by Walter Pesacrita and Mary Pat Hayes)

The first reading is a reading from the Prophet Isaiah, Chapter 35,
verses 1 through 6:

Let the wilderness and the drylands rejoice and bloom.
They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song.
The glory of Lebanon will be given to them.
They will see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God.
Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak.
Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not!

(please turn over...)