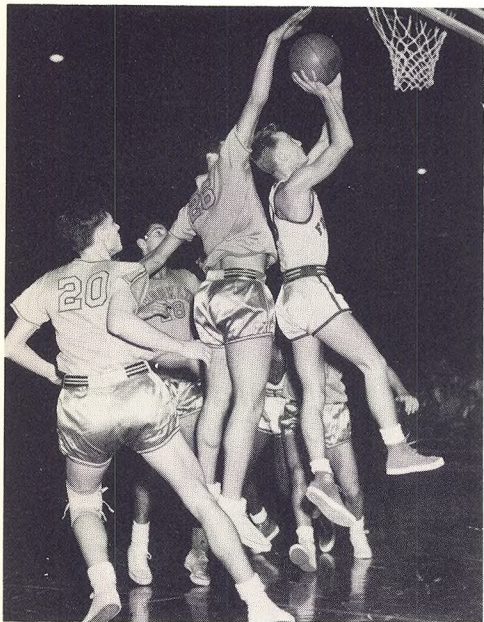


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Tense Moment.



The winner!

"Old St. John's" ain't what she used to be.



Well earned reward.



Adeste Fidelis.



Rapt interest.

DEDICATION

Our Lady of Fatima, Hail! To you, dear Mother of all graces, we lovingly dedicate this, our FRANCISCAN of 1951. We at St. Francis have endeavored to consecrate our persons, our families and our works to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In love and loyalty we express our appreciation for the erection of the beautiful statue in her honor. When lack of time denies us the privilege of kneeling at her feet we nevertheless raise our souls in mental prayer.

What Our Lady said during her six appearances at Fatima in 1917 to the little children is of utmost importance, and applies directly to the world today. "I am the Lady of the Rosary", she said to the child Lucia. "I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and to ask pardon for their sins. They must not continue to offend Our Lord, already so deeply offended. They must say the Rosary." It is for us to see that her requests are granted.

What moments are more precious than those spent in meditating on the lives of Christ and His Blessed Mother as we say the Rosary? The daily recitation of the rosary unfolds the complete divine drama with its joy, sorrow and glorious triumph.

With joyful anticipation we of St. Francis look forward to our graduation day. However, the dark reality of the conflict between the democratic and totalitarian worlds alters our destiny. Many of us will be swept in by the tide of national mobilization. Is it presumptuous to assume that we have adequate preparation for this, in being mobilized spiritually under the banner of Mary, our refuge and our hope?

Our Lady of Fatima will not fail to reward our confidence in her. When Lucia was troubled over her loneliness Our Lady consoled her with these words: "No, my child, I shall never abandon you. My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God." We, too, are Mary's children, and her Savior Son will surely hear her pleas for us.

Let us storm heaven more fervently with our sacrifices and prayers, until peace reigns in the world. With perseverance, it will come. It is the promise of Our Lady of Fatima.

Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima

Pray for us.

Ad Jesum per Mariam.

