

his conversion to the Catholic Faith. Would it not be wonderful for all our members to make it a priority to promote this devotion. In addition, perhaps there are members who could begin a “Green Scapulars to the World” program, perhaps with emphasis on the countries behind the former iron curtain. By the way the prayer on the scapular reads as follows: “Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.” On a personal note, I try to recite this prayer 50 times a day, using the beads of the Rosary.

- Another suggestion that you might fittingly begin in Lent, is something that we have mentioned on occasion in the past — get a copy of the Congregation for the Causes of the Saints *Golden Book*, listing all pending causes for beatification and canonization. Choose one and promote it with all your might! Associated with this suggestion is another somewhat similar one. As you know one of the great Catholic thinkers of our time was Dr. Dietrich von Hildebrand. The Servant of God, Pope Pius XII referred to him as a twentieth century doctor of the Church. Many of you will be aware that he devoted a number of his books to the defense of the Catholic Faith and the refutation of current errors. He was a professor of philosophy at Fordham University in New York for many, many years. Anyway, his dear wife of many years, Dr. Alice von Hildebrand, herself a philosopher of distinction, has edited his memoirs in a volume entitled *The Soul of a Lion*. Please promote this volume. It is to be hoped that Cardinal Egan, the archbishop of New York, might give consideration to the presentation of his cause for eventual beatification and canonization. Read the latest volume on his life, available from Neri Publications, and you will see why I make such a suggestion. By the way, one of my keenest regrets is that a number of his philosophical works remain to be translated in to the English language.

On another matter: each month we will be adding an **Apostolic Action Items** column in the newsletter, both to summarize already suggested action items and to add others as occasion may demand. This is a practice I have added to our weekly radio show as well—to assist you in planning specific, concrete ways of putting the Gospel of Life in to action.

Well, I imagine that's about all for now. Keep us and our good sisters, the Handmaids of Mary, Mediatrix, in your daily prayers, as I, as always, promise you a special remembrance in my First Saturday Mass in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

In the Hearts of Jesus and Mary,



Fr. William F. Ashley

PS — As we go to press we heard the sad news that a dear friend, Howard Walsh, suffered a heart attack. We assure his dear wife, Eleanor, his children and grandchildren, of our prayers for him, and for them.

All of the documents referred to in this issue of *Cor Ad Cor* can be accessed from our web site www.omm.org. Following the links for *Cor Ad Cor* and this month's issue.