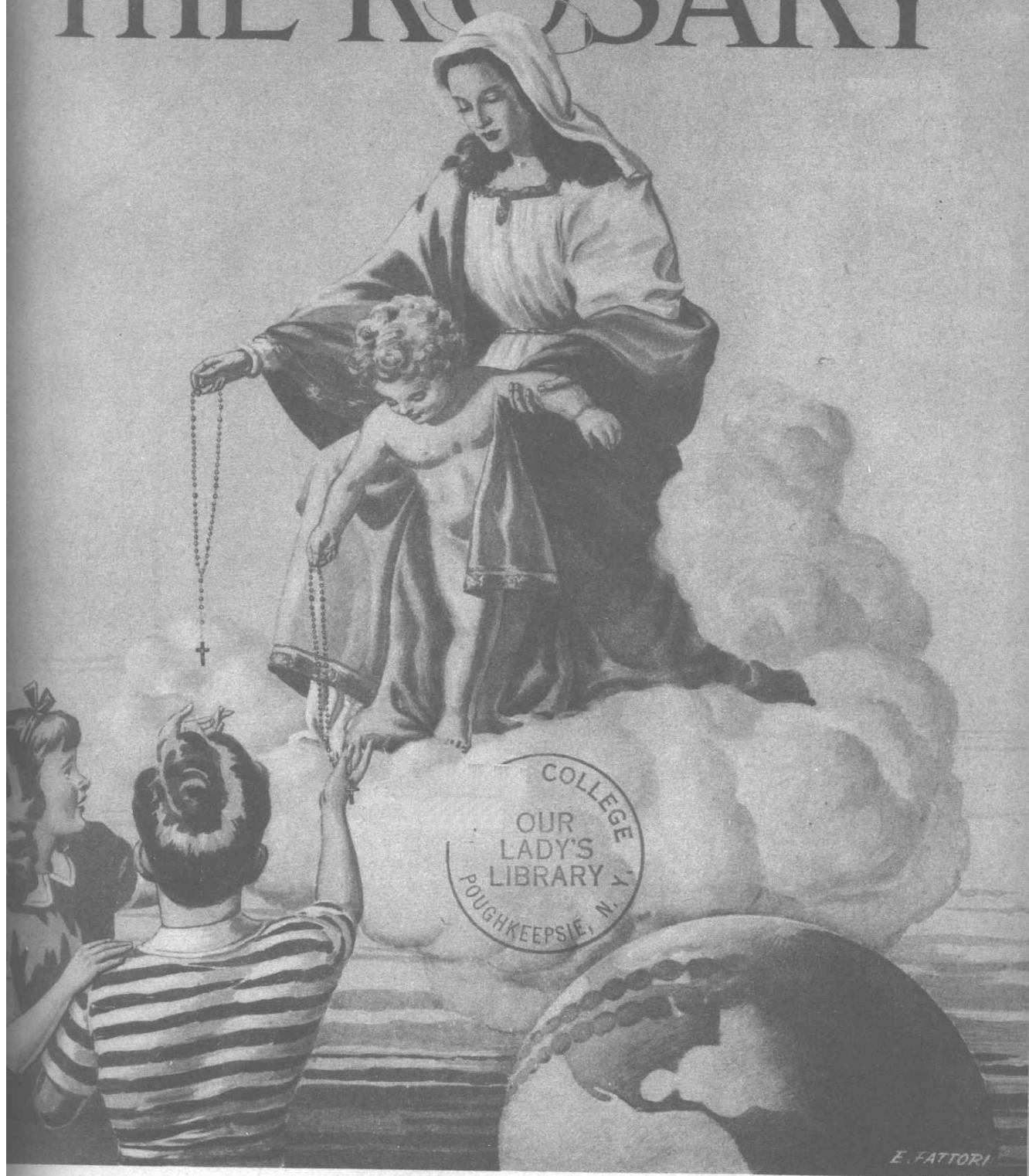


THE ROSARY



COLOR BOOK

DRAWINGS BY ETTORE FATTORI

The Sorrowful Mysteries

from *The Rosary Color Book*
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This little book contains beautiful pictures of the Fifteen Mysteries of the Rosary for you to color. They were drawn by Mr. Ettore Fattori, a well known Canadian artist. This book will also help you to learn how to say the Rosary in a way that will be pleasing to our Blessed Mother.

Each picture shows a prominent event in Our Lord's life. On the page opposite the picture is a short explanation which explains this event, tells what it means to you, and suggests how you should imitate this part of Christ's life.

The Rosary is a form of prayer arranged for us, so to speak, by the Blessed Mother to remind us of the important events in Christ's life from before His birth until after His death. It helps us to think about the joys, sufferings, and glory of Our Lord. The Rosary is a prayer very dear to the heart of our Blessed Mother, and we should all say it very often.

There are fifteen mysteries or important events of Our Lord's life commemorated in the Rosary. And they fall into three groups – Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious – each group containing five mysteries.

Today, most rosaries are made for the recitation of five mysteries. The Rosary has been said if all five groups of ten small beads called decades have been recited. An *Our Father* is said on each large bead, a *Hail Mary* on each small bead, and a *Gloria* on the space between the decades.

There is also a little pendant with a crucifix and a few extra beads attached to each Rosary. Usually we say the *Apostles' Creed* on the crucifix, the *Our Father* on the large bead and three *Hail Marys* on the three small ones. Then on the final large one we say the *Our Father* at the beginning of the first mystery. The saying of the *Creed* means that we believe the mysteries of the Rosary are true. The three *Hail Marys* are said to ask the gifts of Faith, Hope, and Charity.

While you are saying the ten *Hail Marys* with an *Our Father* and *Gloria* for each mystery of the Rosary, you should think about the different events in Our Lord's life in such a way that they pass like a series of pictures before your mind. This is the proper way to say the Rosary.

While you are telling the Blessed Mother how much you love Her by saying the *Hail Mary* over and over, she is showing you pictures of her dear Son and all the wonderful things He did for each of us. Think of the Rosary in this way and you will soon come to love it!

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FIRST SORROWFUL MYSTERY
THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN

After the Last Supper on Holy Thursday night, Our Lord went out, according to His custom, to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray.

While His Apostles slept, Jesus began to pray to His Father, saying, "Father, if thou art willing, remove this cup from me; yet not my will but thine be done." In other words, Jesus told His Father He would do as God wanted. He would be willing to die for our sins.

Jesus was very sad because He knew how much He must suffer. This, and the thought of all the sins of men, women and children caused Him intense agony of mind and body, and forced a sweat of blood from His Sacred Head.

We should also be ready to do what God wants, even to suffer many things.

WHAT I PROMISE:





SECOND SORROWFUL MYSTERY

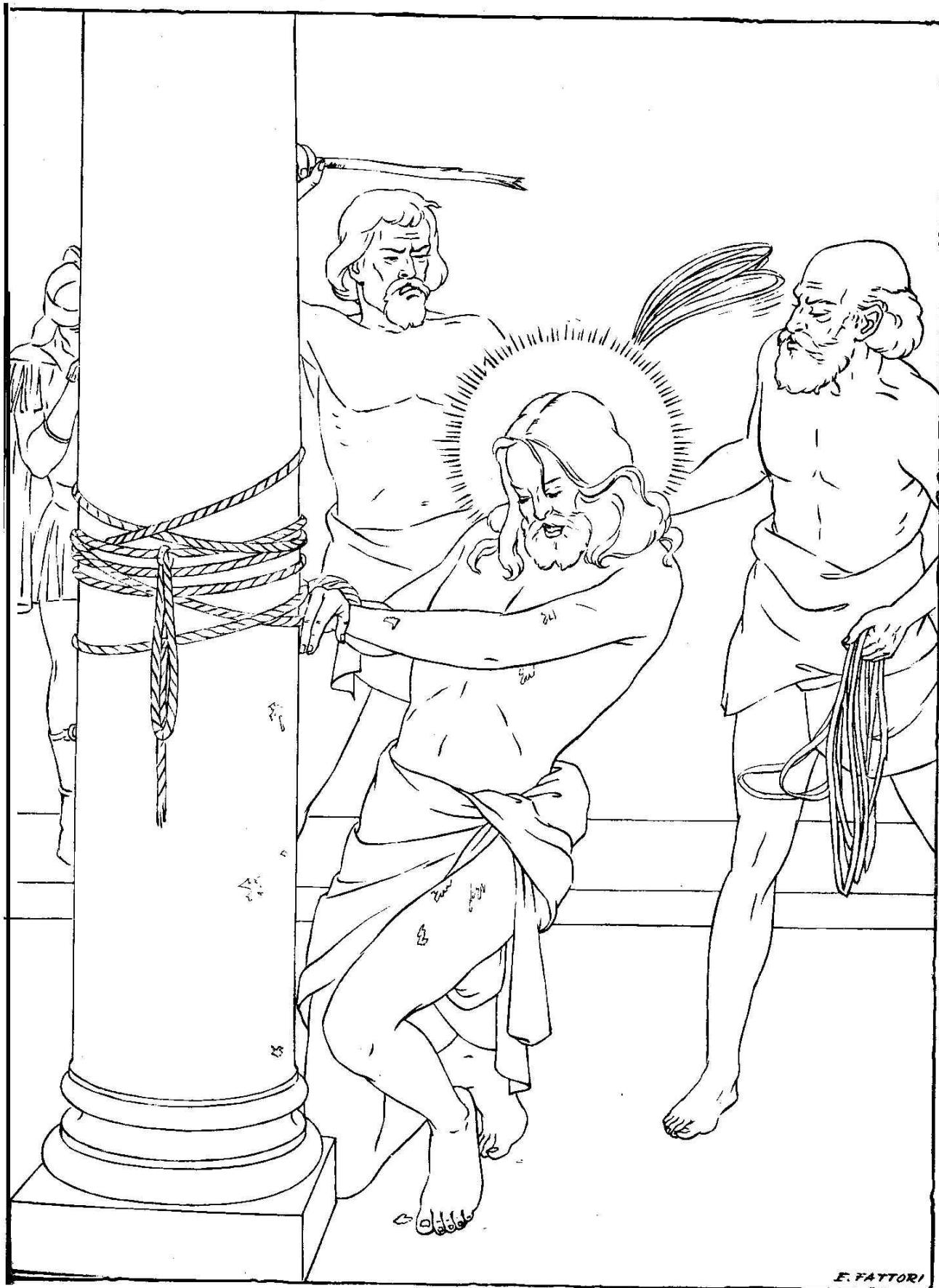
THE SCOURGING AT THE PILLAR

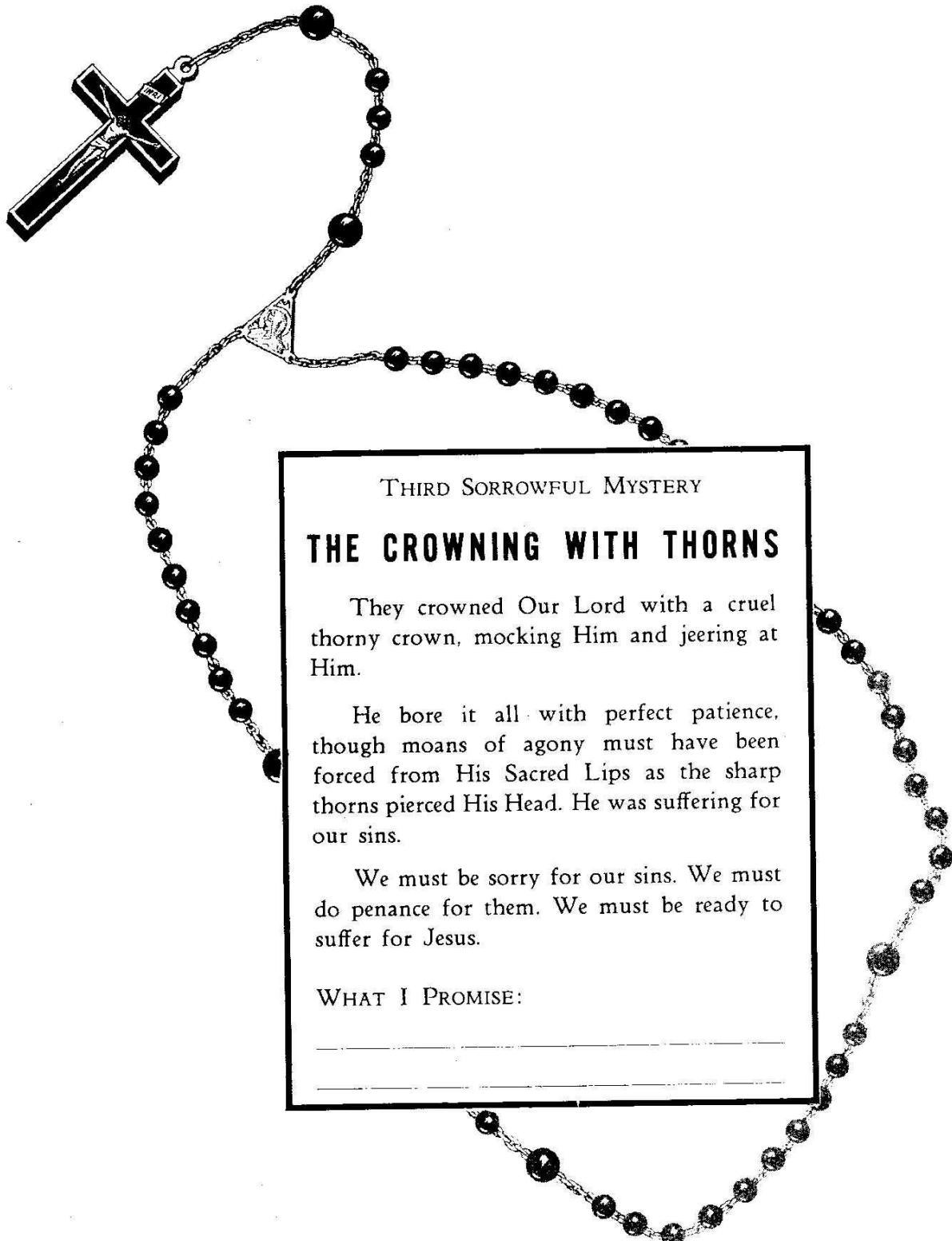
Pilate told the people he believed Jesus to be innocent, yet ordered Him to be scourged.

This was terribly unjust, but Our Lord did not complain. The scourging was more painful than we can possibly imagine. Jesus suffered a great deal for our sins because He loves us.

We should show Jesus that we love Him by being willing to suffer for our sins. We should also show Jesus that we love Him by trying very hard to be good.

WHAT I PROMISE:





THIRD SORROWFUL MYSTERY

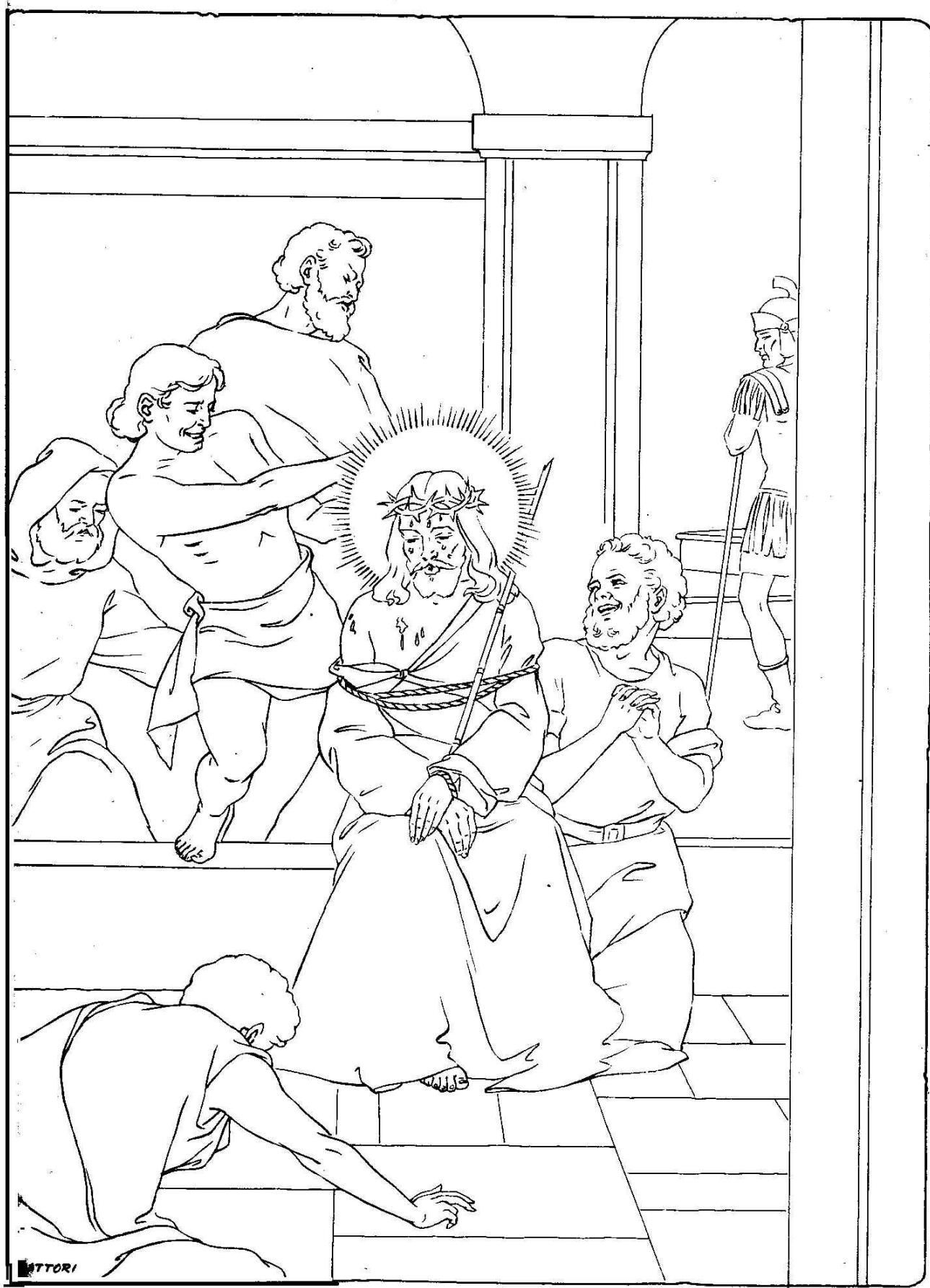
THE CROWNING WITH THORNS

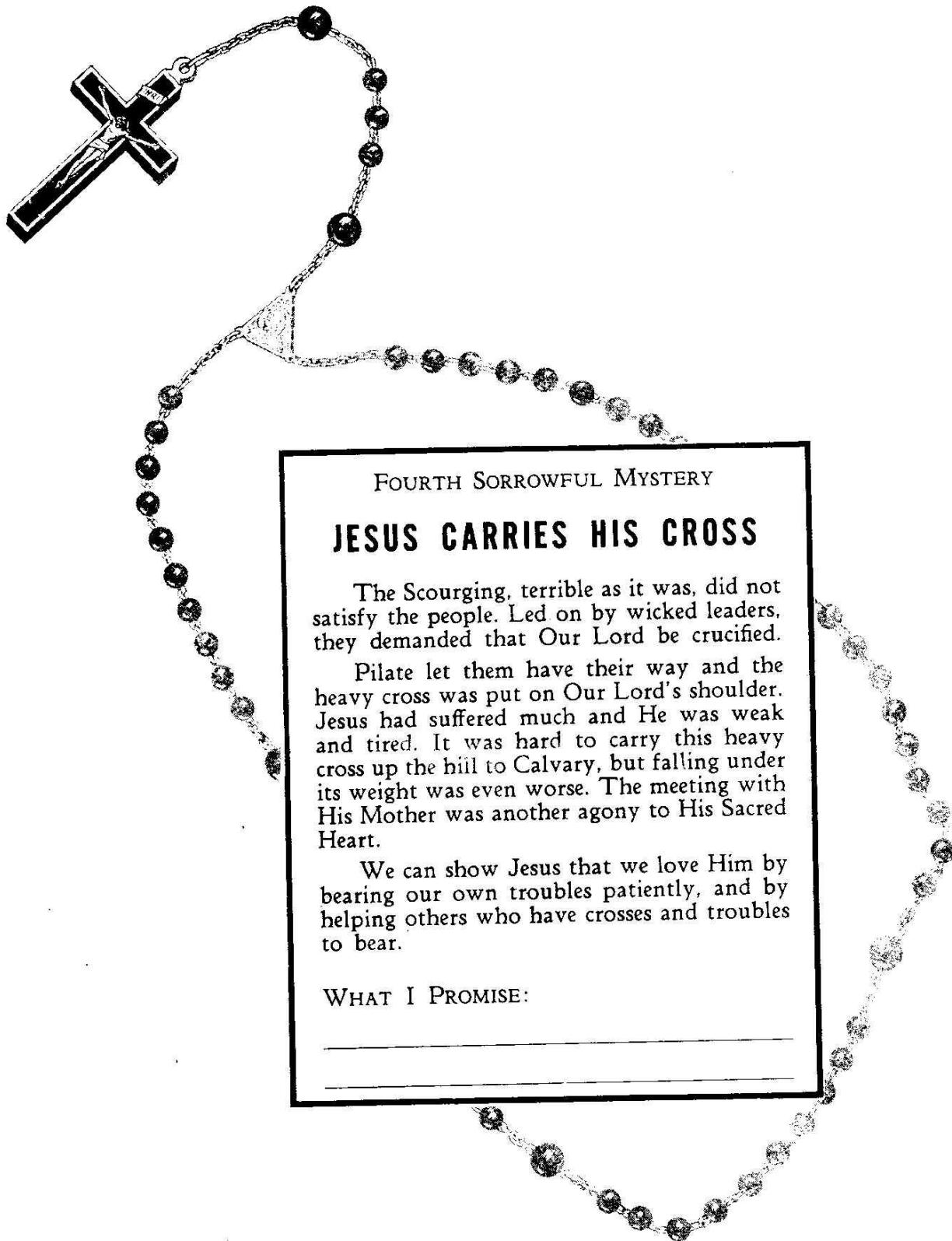
They crowned Our Lord with a cruel thorny crown, mocking Him and jeering at Him.

He bore it all with perfect patience, though moans of agony must have been forced from His Sacred Lips as the sharp thorns pierced His Head. He was suffering for our sins.

We must be sorry for our sins. We must do penance for them. We must be ready to suffer for Jesus.

WHAT I PROMISE:





FOURTH SORROWFUL MYSTERY

JESUS CARRIES HIS CROSS

The Scourging, terrible as it was, did not satisfy the people. Led on by wicked leaders, they demanded that Our Lord be crucified.

Pilate let them have their way and the heavy cross was put on Our Lord's shoulder. Jesus had suffered much and He was weak and tired. It was hard to carry this heavy cross up the hill to Calvary, but falling under its weight was even worse. The meeting with His Mother was another agony to His Sacred Heart.

We can show Jesus that we love Him by bearing our own troubles patiently, and by helping others who have crosses and troubles to bear.

WHAT I PROMISE:



