

ST. LOUIS U. STUDENTS ASKED TO BACK ADMITTING NEGROES

The Rev. Claude H. Heithaus Delivers Unexpected Plea to 'Rid Selves of Un-Christian Prejudices.'

The Rev. Claude Herman Heithaus, S. J., speaking with slow intensity, this morning appealed to the student body of St. Louis University to rid themselves of "un-Christian prejudice" and join with those who are seeking permission for Negroes to attend the school.

Father Heithaus, professor of classical art and archeology at the university, made his appeal at the regular 8:45 o'clock mass. His scathing denunciation of those who spread or encourage the doctrine of racial hatred was wholly unanticipated. The 500 students were at first startled, and then their astonishment gave way to absorbed attention.

"It is a surprising and rather bewildering fact," he began quietly, "that in what concerns justice for the Negro, the Mohammedans and the atheists are more Christ-like than many Christians. The followers of Mohammed and of Lenin make no distinction of color. But to some followers of Christ, the color of a man's skin makes all the difference in the world."



--By a Post-Dispatch Staff Photographer

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all that I have, listen to me. St. Louis University admits Protestants and Jews, Mormons and Mohammedans, Buddhists and Brahmins, pagans and atheists, without even looking at the color of their complexions. Do you want us to slam the doors in the faces of Catholics, because their complexion happens to be brown or black?

"It is a lie. I see that you repudiate it with indignation. You scorn it all the more because you know that some of the very people who disseminate this lie have