

FIVE MINUTE SERMON

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PENTECOST

THE HOLY GHOST AND THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

"You shall receive the power of the Holy Ghost... and you shall witness unto Me..."

This the promise of our Blessed Lord, and His final words before ascending to His heavenly kingdom.

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The second effect was courage and strength. They were all together for fear of the Jews, and as soon as they had received the Holy Spirit they went forth with Peter at their head.

And the third effect was the power of miracles. They spoke in divers tongues which they had never learned, so that all the crowd, from various lands, heard their own tongue at one time from the lips of one man.

And how the miracles multiplied forth the sick in the streets, that when Peter came, his shadow at the least might overshadow any of them, and they might be delivered from their infirmities.

Thus the Church, born on this day of Pentecost, began its career commissioned and empowered, first, to be the guardian of all truth.

Secondly, to preach to all nations, "You shall be witnesses unto Me... even to the uttermost part of the earth."

Thirdly, to be victorious and empowered to prevail over all enemies, time, the world, the devil.

And yet men have the assurance and the folly to tell us, ay, and have repeated it for hundreds of years, that this Church so founded, so empowered by the Holy Spirit, has gone wrong, has failed, has perished.

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them, and let their own want of unity, of faith and doctrine, their want of vitality and stability, answer them and put them to confusion.

But for ourselves, my dear brethren, what glory should be ours on this day of Pentecost to say: "I believe in the Holy Catholic Church." That Church which was founded by Christ, the Son of God, and which is carrying out His commands now as in the first days of the Apostles.

COMMENDS CATHOLICS

OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT REPUTATION OF RECENT CHARGES

During war when unusual stress and tumult make sad the hearts and shake the minds of men, is no time for questions of religious difference to enter on the scene with other troubles.

The Catholic Church in America and the Catholic Church in Europe have been attacked without reason. These attacks have come from the pens of three writers: Rudyard Kipling, Elizabeth Fraser and Margaret Mayo.

It would be possible to argue at length against these charges, but there is another and a better method of disproving them.

On pages 132 and 133 of the War Cyclopaedia is found this passage: "Immigration... The second (wave of immigration), chiefly Irish and Scotch and some Germans, settled in the back country of New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and the Carolinas, from about 1720 to the American Revolution, and has been estimated at 500,000 in number."

On page 145 of the War Cyclopaedia is found this passage: "Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus represent the Catholic communicants, who will constitute perhaps 35% of the new army."

"Peace Overtures, Papal. In August 1917, Pope Benedict XV. invited the belligerent nations to make peace upon bases which he suggested. Advocating a decrease in armament, international arbitration, freedom of the seas, he proposed reciprocal renunciation of indemnities to cover the damages and cost of the war.

The world is now paying the sincerest praise to the Pope's rejected proposals by that method of flattery known as imitation. Most of the published statements that come from either Teutons or Allies embody one or more of the Pope's rejected means toward peace and security!

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OUR MOTHER'S MONTH

It is hard to understand the general attitude of Protestantism towards the Blessed Virgin. It is an illogical attitude. The old historical Protestant argument against honoring the Mother of God was: You Catholics give Mary too much honor, therefore we will give her none; rather we will belittle her dignity and treat her with derision.

THE MEXICANS BARTER RELIGIOUS GOODS

VANDALS PLUNDER CHURCHES AND SELL SACRED ARTICLES FOR WHATEVER THEY CAN GET

"A squalid and pitiful sequel to the looting of Mexican churches is witnessed frequently in the customs house at San Antonio, Tex., when numbers of religious paintings, gold and silver chalices, religious vessels are offered for sale.

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SUBJECT FOR AN ARTIST

MOTHER TEACHES LITTLE SON TO MAKE THE STATIONS

A pen picture of beautiful Catholic faith and devotion was given by "M. W. B." in a recent issue of The Monitor, San Francisco. It was after Holy Mass in the Church of the Sacred Heart, he says, that I noticed a woman bending down over a child in the aisle. I watched to see what it meant as they drew nearer to my pew. A woman was teaching her little son to make the Stations of the Cross.

Both were kneeling, and the mother was explaining all about the Stations. His cherubic face was upturned and his beautiful eyes riveted upon the picture of the saddest story that ever was told. In his little hands he held a book, and when the explanations were over, the mother knelt a little back of the child while he read the prayers in his book.

beautiful child face with its wrapt expression, the clear innocent eyes full of interest, as he listened to his mother as she narrated the story, pictorially illustrated upon the wall of the church. And the ideal mother with her heart full of a dual love, the love of her Redeemer and the love of her little child for His sake!

A more edifying and impressive sight could hardly be imagined. One felt impelled to offer up a prayer that one day those little hands might be consecrated to the service of the Most High and that on the day of his ordination that they might be raised in blessing over the head of that devoted mother.

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These scenes are constantly occurring, and even the most skeptical are commenting on it. They say it is rare indeed that these shrines are ever hit by shells, although everything about them is laid in waste.

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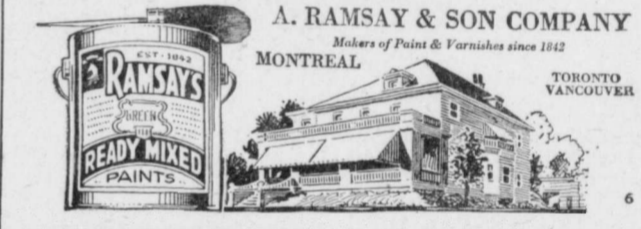
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