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FIVE MINUTE SERMON

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THE HOLY GHOST AND THE BIRTH OF

THE CHURCH You shall receive the power of the Holy st. . . and you shall be witnesses unto . . . even to the uttermost part of the h." (Acts i, 8.)

This the promise of our Blessed Lord, and His final words before ascending to His heavenly kingdom. To day, the birthday of the Church, we see their accomplishment in the was endowed with all the gifts of

decent of the Holy Ghost. Behold the effects of that coming the Holy Spirit. That Church, which was girt around and strengthened of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. The poor, timid band of disciples were awaiting in prayer the fulfilwith the triple bulwark of the ment of their Saviour's promise. And suddenly "they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." (Acts ii 4.) let them strengthen the faith in your hearts this day. Christ promised the Church that the Holy Spirit In one moment the word of the Lord was accomplished. The effects were: First, the knowledge of all truth and the remembrance of all that Christ had said to them. "When hell shall not prevail against it;" (Matt. xvi. 18.) and assured it of His He, the Spirit of Truth is come, He will teach you all truth." (John xvi. 13.) And, again: "The Holy Ghost will teach you all things, and bring all things to your mind, what (John xiv, 26.) What a transforma-tion in their souls! Those who had been foolish and slow of heart to believe and understand the tidings of the Resurrection, to recall the words of their Master and see their fulfilment, now had all the faith of Christ implanted in their hearts. They remembered His words and

understood them; they knew the Scriptures and explained them, as we see from St. Peter that day, and applied them to the Messias. (Acts applied them to the Messias. (Acts ii. 14-40.) Their knowledge was supernatural and complete. 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. Six weeks ago he had denied His Master, at the taunt of a servantmaid ; but now, on the Day of Pente-cost, Peter stood up with the eleven, and, lifting up his voice, spoke to the multitude and preached Christ crucified. "They, therefore, that received his word were baptized, and there were added in that day three thousand souls." (Acts ii. 41.)

And the third effect was the power And the third effect was the power of miracles. They spoke in divers tongues which they had never learned and scorned with an intenseness that could come tongues which they had never learned, so that all the crowd, from only from the mind of an exceptional various lands, heard their own bigot. tongue at one time from the lips of tion attacks the Church in the one man. And the words of our Lord came true: "In My Name they shall cast out devils; they shall United States in picturing a mythical Austrian priest who aided the outspeak with new tongues . . they shall lay their hands upon the sick, and they shall recover." (Mark xvi. they 17, 18.) The lame man at the gate of the Temple was the first witness to the miraculous power of Peter. And how the miracles multiplied may be gathered from the words of ganda

the disciples. "Lord, grant unto Thy servants that with all confidence they may speak Thy Word, by stretching forth Thy hand to cures, and signs, and wonders to be done by the Name of Thy holy Son Jesus." (Acts iv. 29, 30.) Again: "They brought forth the sick into the streets, that when Peter came, his shadow at the least might overshadow any of them, and they might be delivered from their infirmities. And there came also a multitude from the neighboring cities, bringing sick persons and such as were troubled with unclean spirits, who were all healed. Acts 15, 16.) Such were the effects of the descent of the Holy Ghost-all York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and the the descent of the Holy Gnost—all knowledge of faith, courage and strength, speaking with power and miracles. Thus the Church, born on this day

Thus the Church, born on this day of Pentecost, began its career com-missioned and empowered, first, to part in the War of Independence.''' over \$150; a whole group of paintings be the guardian of all truth. The function of all truth. The function of all truth given to the Apostles, had to abide in it, for the Spirit of Truth, is found this passage : Who enlightened the Apostles, came to "abide with it for ever." (John truth, could change no truth. truth, could change no truth. Secondly, to preach to all nations. the guardian of all truth. The Secondly, to preach to all nations, "You shall be witnesses unto Me army.

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 breth-ren, what glory should be ours on this?day of Pentecost to say: "I be-lieve in the Holy Catholic Church." That Church which was founded by Christ, the Son of God, and which is currying out His commender for each carrying out His commands now as in the first days of the Apostles. That "Credo," "I believe" in the That "Credo," "I believe" in the Holy Catholic Church, is resounding this day from every quarter of the globe. Let us thank God that we are children of that Church, which was endered with cli the sitter of

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by a large number of people on the "ipse dixit" of some writer or almost with the certain knowledge M. A. The Catholic Church in America data field. In all charges which have thus far been made, you have the word of the United States Government with and the Catholic Church in Europe have been attacked without reason. These attacks have come from the pens of three writers : Rudyard Kip-ling, Elizabeth Fraser and Margaret

Mayo. Kipling's offence appears in a poem and there is a polite refer-THE MEXICANS BARTER RELIGIOUS GOODS

> VANDALS PLUNDER CHURCHES Margaret Mayo by implica AND SELL SACRED ARTICLES FOR WHATEVER THEY CAN GET

"A squalid and pitiful sequel to laws of his parish in resisting the Pennsylvania State Police. Elizathe looting of Mexican churches is witnessed frequently in the customs beth Fraser plainly states (though she does not prove, of course) that the Italian collapse was the work of house at San Antonio, Tex., when numbers of religious paintings, gold priests and hierarchy, and that the Pope's pleas for peace were in a and silver chalices, religious vessels of many kinds, and even vestments are disposed of at public auction by the United States government," said large measure unpatriotic propa-Jozach Miller, who returned to Kansas City last week from a business It would be possible to argue at

length against these charges, but there is another and a better method trip to that city. Mr. Miller made it a point to look into the report that of disproving them. The United States Government, through its offithis was being done. cial War Cyclopedia, published by "It was even worse than I had ever dreamed," continued Mr. Miller. "The customs officials said that they the Committee on Public information dreamed. comes to our assistance. Its words will be accepted where ours would caught but few of the smugglers who entered the United States with these valuable paintings and religious of the sector of the smugglers who hand it is so easy to do this. Here we are in a charming month. What be given little attention; hence these quotations from the War Cyclopedia: On pages 132 and 133 of the War valuable paintings and religious are in a charming month. What articles. In the curio shops of San hardship is it to go to Daily Mass, to Cyclopedia is found this passage " "Immigration. . . The second (wave of immigration), chiefly Irish and Scotch and some Germans, settled in the back country of New Antonio may be purchased everything from a vestment to a statue. Relig- quently, to be more diligent in the from a vestment to a statue. Relig-ious paintings of all kinds and recitation of the beads. If we have chalices of every description and value the right sort of devotion to the are offered for sale. These, for the Mother of God we shall need no most part, have been bought at urging to show forth in our lives the Carolinas, from about 1720 to the public auction, at the customs house. The pictures are cut out of the frames Boston Pilot with knives and are in rolls, some as

## THE CATHOLIC RECORD

## beautiful child face with its wrapt culating, go ahead American, all expression, the clear innocent eyes full of intensest interest, as he lis-tened 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

examination to contain, in their per-fection, all the various colors of the 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 rainbow.--(From "My Unknown

Most High and that on the day of his ordination that they might be raised in blessing over the head of that devoted mother.

on sense theology.

votion of the Catholic to the Mother

of God an attempt to ascribe divine

ress. It is a devotion that is part and parcel of the Catholic life. When

a feast of Our Lady comes around we

hall it with gladness. It is one more opportunity for us to honor Her whom God honored. Now we are entering into the month of Mary.

"Tis the month of our Mother," we

But it is not merely a tribute of

poetry we pay to Mary. Our devo

the fairest of seasons."

"To the fairest of queens be

power to Her.

OUR MOTHER'S MONTH Capt. George P. O'Malley, of Cleve

land, serving as surgeon with the British forces in France, in a letter to Rev. Richard J. Casey, of Saint Boniface's Church, New York, tells It is hard to understand the general attitude of Protestantism towards the Blessed Virgin. It is an illogical attitude. The old historical Proof a singular fact, namely, that amid all the destruction wrought by the testant argument against honoring the Mother of God was; You Cath-Germans, a number of the wayside olics give Mary too much honor, therefore we will give her none: rather will we belittle her dignity shrines and Calvarys with their great crucifixes have ascaped unscathed. He writes: "A peculiar thing out here, and

the

and treat her with derision. Hap-pily there has been of late years a re-volt from this irreligion. Irreligion, which is openly commented upon, is the almost miraculous preservation of the little shrines and roadside we say; for how could a Christian expect to win the favor of Christ by Calvarys which are found all over this part of France. There is a beautiful big chateau (or what was thing of shame. How could a follower of Christ ever reject the Blessed Virgin? We do not know. Thank God, we have not clic never has separated the Son and the Mother. olic never has separated the Son and the Mother. It never enters his mind that in honoring God's first "In the front of the house, right "In the front of the house, right creature he is detracting from the glory of God. He knows too much where the door would be, but a little above it, stood an alcove with a statue of the Blessed Virgin and a theology for that. And it is a vase of artificial flowers. The whole He knows he can glorify Mary as alcove was closed in by a glass front. much as he pleases and that he can-not begin to approach the glory Though every window and bit of glass in the house had been broken to bits and shells had gone through which God gave Her. He never ceases to regard Her as a creature : it the walls on either side and above the statue, the glass door of the is only the perverter of the Church's

alcove, which was about three and a half feet high, was not even cracked, or the statue or vase of flowers in any way disturbed. The shrine is intact, though the building

bound together by the profession of the same faith and yet retaining

their national characteristics, I can

compare it to nothing but to a similar phenomenon that we may notice

oure and perfect crystal, is found on

MIRACULOUSLY

PRESERVED

CROSSES AND SHRINES IN

FRANCE STAND AMID

RUINS

The devotion to Mary in the life of is in ruins. the ordinary Catholic rests upon the "One of our officers here-a major firmest foundations of theology. We need not go into those reasons here; they can be found in the smallest Cat--came in to-day after a tour of in-spection and told of an extraordinary sight he had seen. A big life-sized Calvary, housed in a big alcove-like echism. The great theological reason for this devotion is the one protection, stood with the rear facing the German lines. This had been shelled repeatedly and the whole fact that Mary is the Mother of God. She is also our mother. We re-member how She was so appointed brick affair completely wrecked, but the big cross, several feet high, with when Her Divine Son commended Her to the care of the beloved disthe life-sized figure of Christ crucified ciple. "Woman, behold thy son; son, behold thy mother." By that commision She was made our protectstood unscathed.

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

Resignation is the footprint of faith in the pathway of sorrow.—Anon.

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. . . even to the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts i. 8.) "Go, teach all nations . . . baptizing them . . teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have command-ed mer " (Mott earth) ed you." (Matt. xxviii, 20.) official statement:

Thirdly commissioned and em-powered to prevail over all enemies, time, the world, the devil. The Church grows not old and feeble; ed. Advocating a decrease in arma-ment, international arbitration, free-dom of the seas, he proposed recip-rocal renunciation of indemnities to time has no power over it. Nations and kingdoms lose vigour and vital-ity, decay and fall to pieces, but not so the Church of God. Our Lord had promised another Paraclete, "that He may abide with you for ever." (John xiv. 16.) The world trying incover the damages and cost of the War. He favored restitution of occupied territory, and advanced indefin cessantly and in every way all these centuries to ruin the Church, only sees its efforts abortive, and the Church, in spite of all, thriving and progressing age after age. And why? Because He is with it, Who said : "Behold I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world." (Matt. xxviii. 20.) And the devil's efforts are futile too, for the promise holds good. "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matt. xvi. 18.)

And yet men have the assurance Cyclopedia. and the folly to tell us, ay, and have repeated it for hundreds of years, that this Church so founded, so emtime! How can men be so deluded ? security! Have a hundred miserable sects Catholi

when no one comes to claim them

Need anything be said in explanation of this pithy but soulful stateafter a certain period, they are sold

ment of the United States Govern-ment? It is a book in itself and needs no addendum to strengthen it. On pages 209 and 210 is found this olic churches of this country until the Peace Overtures, Papal, In

rightful owners can later be found in Mexico after that unfortunate country August 1917, Pope Benedict XV. in-vited the belligerent nations to make has been restored to a normal condi peace upon bases which he suggesttion.-Catholic Union and Times.

## SUBJECT FOR AN ARTIST

MOTHER TEACHES LITTLE SON TO MAKE THE STATIONS

ite proposals regarding other deli-cate territorial questions. A supple-A pen picture of beautiful Catholic faith and devotion was given by "M. W. B." in a recent issue of The Monmentary statement pointed out that the Pope assumed the role of peace-maker, not of judge." There is no intimation here that the Papacy was role of peace-There is no e Papacy was acced Heart, he says, that I noticed playing false in advocating peace; there is no hinting at the unmena woman bending down over a child in the the aisle. I watched to see tionable, Kipling like. An Elizabeth Fraser could not have written the my pew. A woman was teaching her been invited to write one it could never have any and the unit of the state of the never have appeared in the War

Both were kneeling, and the other was explaining all about the

The world is now paying the sin-Station. His cherubic face was up-turned and his beautiful eyes riveted repeated if for hundreds of years, that this Church so founded, so em-powered by the Holy Spirit, has gone wrong, has failed, has perished. The work of the Almighty feeble and de-crepid! The work of the Eternal God succumbing to the ravages of time!. How can men be so deluded? When he finished reading both arose

Have a hundred miserable sects Catholics, Protestants, Christian sprung up to teach us this? Watch Scientists, Quakers, Dunkers, Jews When a hundred miserable sects Catholics, Protestants, Christian and went on to the next Station. What a subject for an artist! What a subject for an artist! The

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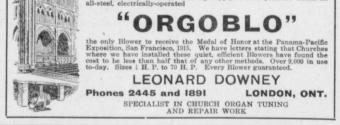
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