### FIVE MINUTE SERMON

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE CONFLICT BETWEEN A LOVE OF TRUTH AND A LOVE OF SELF

"And it came to pass, as He went into the house of one of the chief Pharisees to eat bread on the Sabbath day, that they watched Him." (Luke xiv. 1.)

In every man's heart there seem to be two loves that are in constant conflict with each other. One is a love of truth, and the other is a love of self. Every one loves truth for its own sake, but when it fails to harmonize with self-love, then the battle commences. Every Christian will admit that the Pharisees believed in their hearts the correctness and truth of all that our divine Lord did and taught; that in their hearts they were convinced that He was what He claimed to be. the record of their conduct toward Him betrays a most intense hatred. But one reason for this can be given. and that is, that He, the Son of God, the Teacher of all truth both in word and work, conflicted with their self-love, and abiding and besetting passion of their life.

Is it not thus with His Church? Is there any room for doubt that thousands enrolled as her enemies. feel in their hearts that she has all the notes of the Christ-formed Apostolic Church? The reason why they are her enemies, is one with that which made the Pharisees the enemies of her Divine Founder. Her doctrine so far from harmonizing with their self-love, contradicts it, and is, therefore, entirely too inconvenient. The religion of Christ is undoubtedly an inconvenient one for all those in whose hearts a sinful, passionate self-love is stronger than a love of truth, and this is the case with every one's heart who through the abuse of free will excludes God's grace. It was by no means in harmony with the selflove of the Pharisees, to admit that Lord was the Christ, and to follow His teaching. Therefore they watched Him; they, in a word, did all in their power against Him. Is this not the state of affairs to-day in regard to His Church and her teach-Yea, both within and without her pale, the slaves of a sinful, passionate self-love, are constantly work against her. As to the work of her enemies without her pale, no

comment is necessary.

But who are those who within her pale are such slaves to a sinful self-love as to act the part of enemies of their mother the Church? They are those who nominally pass as her children, but practically shut out the grace of God from their souls, and irrespective of her teaching follow the promptings of their self-love. They are not even content with this, but far from allowing any shadow of excuse to pass that might, as it were, legalize their evil-doing, they fail not to constantly find fault with every one and everything connected with that religion which they are in duty bound to practice. Few parishes, indeed, are without the affliction of such people. They are not only enemies to their own souls, but they are telling enemies of their mother the Church. What mischief a few such people can do in a parish! The Pharisees of old in their self-love, spurned to follow the truth taught by our blessed Lord in word and example. They even did what they could to prevent others from following His divine teaching. So, too, these Pharisees of the nineteenth century, that are, alas, rather common, hesitate not to do their worst by their evil influence and bad to prevent others from hearkening to the voice of Christ's minister, following the dictates of their conscience, and fulfilling their sacred Christian duties. If this be not doing the devil's work, what is They have no mercy for their own souls; they have no respect for their religion: they are strangers to the service of God, and they would, if they could, make all others like themselves. What a life for one that bears the name of Christian!

But some one may say, I cannot see how such peculiar people bearing the name of Christians, can do much injury to the cause of religion. God alone sees the full extent of the mischief they do. Their example has its effect, and its effect is killing for healthy practical religion. Are the children of such people likely to be good and fervent Christians? Experience teaches us that they will have no faith at all. What does this mean? Simply that the good old Catholic name, ancestry, and stock of such families, are to be disgraced future generations. Traces such disgrace of forefathers, and of all that was sacred to them, are everywhere visible in this broad country - traces that can unmistakably be found to date from a pharisaical self-love, that would not submit to Christ and His precepts; that began by neglect of the Church, and ended in the complete loss of

What then are we to do, dear people, to make sure that we in no way belong to those classes? We must ever bear in mind what we considered in the beginning, that in our hearts exist two loves-the one of truth and the other of self. When, therefore, we are certain, as every Catholic is, that we are taught the truth, we should follow it both as to the letter and the spirit. We should be prompt in putting down as a sinful self love, whatever would, in the least, turn us from our duty in this matter. In this way the love of truth, of Christ, and His Church, will always have the ascendency in appear at a meeting or a society teenth year, Napoleon said to her

our hearts, and will have the effect affair. They do not support or read of changing our sinful self-love into one of virtue. True self-love is that which studies and labors for the so give false impressions to outbest interests of self both here and siders. hereafter. He only truly does this who allows the love of Christ and of His divine teaching by His Church, to have ascendency in his heart, and show itself in his practical life. Oh! what strong reason we have to be grateful to God if we find that the ove of Christ and His doctrine has the ascendency in our hearts. If this be the case of each one of us, dear people, we are observing that which is the sum of every true Christian's duty: "Son, give

#### TEMPERANCE

ARCHBISHOP PRENDERGAST ON THE TOTAL ABSTINENCE MOVEMENT

At the national convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union the following letter from Archbishop Prendergast of Philadelphia was

The wonderful change in public opinion in the last twenty-five years as regards the use of intoxicants is largely due to the work of the Catholic total abstinence societies.

Yet, strange to say, the Catholic total abstinence movement has not this man's ears and touched his advanced as a result of this change tongue. St. John relates that when advanced as a result of this change of sentiment, but, on the contrary, as it is claimed, has failed in interest and activity. There are indeed. many more Catholic total abstainers today than ever before, but they are not affiliated with the Catholic Total Siloe. abstinence movement. (In this diocese we may say that we are holding our own, but not progressing as we would wish.)

How explain this curious condition of affairs? There are many causes, the chief of which, no doubt, lies deeply imbedded in the psychology that spirit after a few years have cooled the first fervor of the leaders. It is characteristic of human nature that it enters eagerly into a new movement, works enthusiastically for a time, and then gradually loses interest and turns toward new fields of endeavor.

In addition to this there are con tributing causes peculiar to the Catholic total abstinence movement itself. First of all, our railroads. shops, mills, factories, etc., will not employ men who go to excess in the use of strong drink, and at present in both the large railroads of this city the men who hold responsible positions are prohibited from taking strong drink, not only during working hours, but also after the day's work is over. Furthermore, it is practically true now that in our own country a young man has little chance of obtaining a responsible total abstainer. This would seem to be an aid to our work, and indeed. would be a great aid, were it not tions, which protect the man and his family in case of injury and sickne their children sufficiently protected, by

tions, such as the Holy Name Society and the Knights of Colum-sanctified and prepared for a glorious over her altars and bearing in her arms her Divine Child. To guard These have not served to resurrection. withdraw men from the practice of total abstinence, but divided their Church and by baptism are the great incentive to join the society. beneficial standpoint.

In regard to the boys' societies the great majority of our boys are leav- mens: ing school when sixteen years of age to work in shops, factories, etc., and they are compelled to join the same beneficial organizations which their fathers had joined. Consequently they are unwilling to be transferred to the men's societies, alleging that they earn small wages and that they sufficiently protected against does not seem to have much weight with them. They are compelled to be total abstainers if they would there is such a great change of senti-ment as regards the use of intoxicants, the cause seems to have no special attraction. It has lost to them its appeal to the heroic spirit.

Temperance halls, too, I am told, afford a stumbling block to new societies. The purchase of a hall has become the source of division among members, of friction with parish interests and sometimes a detriment to good conduct and seasonable hours.

To the members themselves also attaches some of the blame for our decline. They are prone to leave everything to the clergy in the way of missionary effort, and they do little to increase the membership themselves. They fail to support their committees in making rallies and celebrations successful. Many zealous leaders have grown weary and disheartened because they have not received proper support from their associates. Where beneficial features prevail, many members the utmost care and precision. simply send in their dues, and never

A final, and perhaps the greatest cause, lies in the character of the leaders of the societies. It requires constant and zealous interest on the part of priests to keep alive the total abstinence society in a parish. If the leader be not an ardent lover of the cause and imbued with unflagging zeal for its propagation among others, there is little hope for the progress of the movement. An indefatigable leader, zealous for the cause, and willing to work incessantly in the face of unpromising rewards, will, I think, overcome some of the obstacles mentioned above, and perhaps even rekindle the flame that has grown cold. The members must be made to realize that their pledge is an act of religion in honor of the Sacred Thirst Agony of our Saviour, and that it is not merely an economic measure to correct social conditions.-Sacred Heart Review.

### THE SACRAMENTAL SYSTEM

In the Gospel which tells of our Lord healing the deaf and dumb man we read that He put His fingers into Jesus gave sight to the man born blind, He spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and spread the clay upon his eyes and said to "Go wash in the pool of

In these instances our Lord used material means to work these mira cles—the clay, the spittle and the washing in the pool. There was no medicinal nor miraculous power in water or clay, yet He used them as instruments or divine channels for deeply imbedded in the psychology of human nature. It is a well known fact that it is much easier to enthusiasm at the formation and always with you, He says. He has a large in the same manner. our infirmities and raises the dead to

the life of grace.

This is done by the sacraments of the Church. It is called the sacra-mental system. The water used in baptism, the bread and wine for the Holy Eucharist, the oil in extreme unction have no power of themselves to confer grace. It is God who makes them His instruments and imparts to them their efficacy and So the priest as administra tor of the sacraments is only God's sacraments their power or virtue. is only the instrument in the hands of God for dispensing the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven.

We should have recourse to the sacraments of the Church at the proper times. By the waters of baptism we are cleansed from original sin and the white robe of innocence is thrown over our soul. position anywhere unless he is a temptations surge about us we are confirmed and strengthened to overcome them. When we fall into sin our souls are restored to purity and that shops, mills, etc., have their innocence by the sacrament of own unions and beneficial organizawife is sanctified and they are given grace to properly bring up their The natural outcome of this is that children in the sacrament of matrimothers finding themselves and mony. The priesthood is replenished the sacrament of Orders. as they say, are no longer interested souls are nourished in the life of in the parish societies.

Another cause is the rise and of our Lord, and then, when the sun growth of other Catholic organizations, such as the Holy Name anointed with the holy oils and

allegiance, and resulted in a lessening of interest and activity in the dom on earth, but they do not live temperance movement. In the past the life of the Church. They are beneficial features proved a Catholics in name only. Of them our Saviour speaks when He says they Nowadays the other organizations will call Him Lord, Lord, but He offer better inducements from a will reply, I know you not. Depart from Me, you workers of iniquity. St. Augustine warns his catechu-When you enter the Church you shall see many leading scandalous lives, but follow them not, for with Christ they shall have no part.

So it behooves us not to be Catholics in name only and members of Christ's body, but to partake of the inner life of the Church—in prayer, in regular attendance at Mass, in being cleansed from sin, in partaking accident and sickness. The higher of Holy Communion, the food of the motive for continuing in the society soul. Thus we shall be true Catholics, true children of the Church, and heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven, because for such as do the will of hold their positions, and now that God and keep the commandments there is salvation and eternal life .-The Monitor.

#### NAPOLEON AT ST. HELENA TAUGHT CATECHISM

You have all heard of the Emperor Napoleon the Great, but perhaps you their children have a good confessor do not know that he took pleasure in and go to confession regularly, they teaching the catechism on the island of St. Helena. It happened as follows : General Bertrand, his faithful companion in captivity, had a daughter about ten years old.

One day the Emperor met her and My child, you are young, and said: many dangers await you in the world. What will become of you if you are not fortified by religion. Come to me tomorrow and I will give you your first lesson in catechism. For more than two years she went every day to the Emperor's quarters, where he heard her recite her catechism and explained it to her with

When she had attained her six-

sufficiently instructed in religion; it is time to think seriously of your First Communion. I am going to have the soul's best interbeat the first Communion. I am going to have two priests brought hither from France, one who will teach you to have two priests brought hither from France, one who will teach you to have the protection against the flood of unformement when it is necessary; and religious motives make contrary sug-France, one who will teach you to live well and the other will teach me to die well." It was done accordingly, and the pious young lady who, as one might say, owed both her faith and her happiness to Emperor Napoleon the Great, herself related these details to the bishop who assisted him in his last moments, in the month of August, 1845.

INDIFFERENT CATHOLICS DON'T READ CATHOLIC PAPERS

A pastor who complains of the indifference of many of his people to Church matters attributes it to their failure to read Catholic papers or magazines, and contrasts their attitude in this respect with that of the enemies of their faith in the neighborhood who subscribe for and distribute anti-Catholic literature.

#### "A SCHOOL FOR MOTHERHOOD"

According to a press report in the New York Evening Mail, Mrs. Lizzie Merrill Palmer, of Detroit, has bequeathed a sum of money esti-mated at \$800,000 for the establishment of a school for motherhood. In the paragraph which makes this generous provision for the intended work, she wrote: "I hold profoundly the conviction that the welfare of any community is Divinely and hence inseparably dependent upon the quality of its motherhood and the spirit and the character of its

Catholics will heartily subscribe to the sentiments expressed by Mrs. Palmer. Motherhood and the home! What can be dearer, more sacred to us in the round of our earthly affections and loves? No other words stir holier memories or more surely reach the depths of the soul Motherhood, exalted beyond the loftiest flight of the poet's fancy and the noblest vision of the seer, in the person of the Virgin Mother who could lovingly and truthfully call the Creator of the universe her Son, is clothed with such sweetnes,s tenderness and grace, it is so hallowed and holy in our eyes, so sainted and enskied, that it is mentioned with the deepest reverence and guarded with the most jealous

We cannot tell what the "School He cannot give the for Motherhood" intended by Mrs. Merrill Palmer is going to be. That a separate school for that lofty calling should be founded, may seem to a great many, neither wise nor necessary. Lectures and lessons, controversies and discussions discussions carried on with all the bustle of the classroom, will seem sadly out of place when that hallowed name and privilege of motherhood are in question. Yet the mothers of the future must be trained, for motherhood is one of the foundations of society. The self-sacrificing, devoted mother is the guardian of the home and the savior of her generation and her

But there is a "School for Motherhood" in the world. For that glorious privilege, the Catholic Church has trained her daughters for the last two thousand years. It is to produce the mothers of a chaste apn virile race, that she has ever pointed There are some who belong to the to enrich their hearts with the spirit of self-sacrifice, with the tenderness, the patience, the heroic power to endure and not to falter, this has ever been her noblest task and her proudest privilege. She has ever and always taught that the maid brought up in holy fear of God and horror of sin, who prizes beyond wealth and beauty and the pleasures of the world, the priceless gem of a virgin heart, who shuns the noisy thoroughfares of worldly dissipation and its glittering lights, who realizes the sacredness of life and the awful dignity thrust upon her, who prepares her heart and soul with the "Banquet of the Lamb" and the "Wine that maketh Virgins," who joins modesty to courage, chastity and maidenly reserve to faith and love, never fails to be the strong and pure and tender hearted mother whom her children love, whom even the rudest and the most abandoned reverence and admire.-America.

#### CONFESSION BEST REMEDY AGAINST EVIL OF DAY

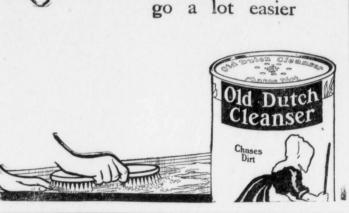
If parents will only be sure that will provide them with the best possible safeguard against the evil suggestions of the day that flow into their minds from popular papers and movies." Confession is the most wonderful psychological instrument ever fashioned. In France, where education it being secularized, they are suggesting that teachers take the part of directors of conscience in this matter, and secure the confidence of pupils. It is easy to understand what a joke that might be for some teach-

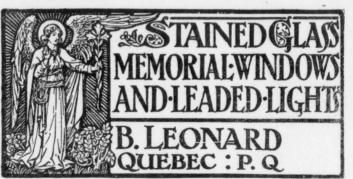
But in sacramental confession, individual instruction and warnings, in keeping with already acquired knowledge, are given under the most impressive circumstances by one

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