

HOLY WATER AND ITS USES. There is, first, baptismal water, which is required to be blessed on life to the welfare of the poor and elepter in all churches that have baptismal fonts. This water of the sixty-one years ago she was a sixty-one years ago. baptismal fonts. This water, after sixty-one years ago, she was a girl the holy oils have been mingled with of nineteen at the close of the civil it, is used only in the administration war. She was an ardent Southerner

cause Pope Gregory IX. made its use obligatory for the purposes specified. Wine, ashes, and salt are mingled

Then there is the common holy waing may be performed at any time, pose of her life. She december and in any suitable place. It is directed to be done every Sunday bettat lay nearest to her, fore Mass as we shall see, with the She connected and infidelity. exception of Easter and Pentecost, when the water blessed on the previous eve is used for the Asperges. In the Oriental churches there is the custom of solemnly blessing water on the Feast of Epiphany, in memory of the baptism of Our Lord in the river Jordan, which event is commemorated by the Church on that day.

water; for when water is being blessed for the baptismal font it is usually put into a larger vessel, and at a certain stage in the ceremony the font their homes and after life, saw many is filled, to receive the holy oils and of them honorably and happily marbe used in baptism, while the rest ried, nursed them in sickness and saw is distributed among the people. This that the Last Sacraments were ad-It may be remarked, in passing, that of death. In the evenings she gather-the laws of the Church require the ed about her the elder colored people holy water to be removed from all who desired to be instructed. the last three days of Holy Week.

by prayer and an admixture of salt is them, with all her means and all her frequently referred to Pope St. Alexander I., who governed the Church from the year 109 to 119. But from the words which he uses in his decree funeral at St. Boniface's Church last it would appear that the rite is more Monday morning was the largest and ancient than the time of that Pontiff. He says: "We bless, for the use of parish. Hundreds of little colored chilthe people, water mingled with salt." dren and black-faced old men and Marcellius Columna attributes the in- women filled the church, and a great troduction of holy water to the Apostle St. Matthew, whose action was bute to the memory of a woman approved by the other apostles, and whose death, in the words of her soon became general. Whether we eulogist, leaves a void that can never are disposed to accept this evidence as conclusive or not, it is all but certain from other proofs that the use of holy water dates from apostolic times, as St. Basil, among others,

The blessing of water before High Mass on Sundays, and the sprinkling of the people with it by the celebrant, the Adorable Sacrifice, are commonly attributed to Pope St. Leo IV., who governed the Church from 847 to 855; but there are also very learned authorities who trace it to a far more remote antiquity. The custom of placing holy water at the door the church for the use of the faithful entering and departing is still more ancient, as may be inferred from the fact that the idea was evidently suggested by the Jewish custom of requiring purifications before entering the temple to offer or assist at the sacrifices. But it would be impossible to fix the precise date. custom of Christians sprinkling themselves with water, or even of washing their hands and face before entering the house of God, existed throughout the Church at least from the time of Tertullian, that is, before the end of the second century. Msgr. Barbier has the following in regard to the custom of taking holy water on leaving the church: "The holy water font, as Its name indicates, is a vase intended to contain holy water for the use of the faithful, who bless themselves with it on entering the church, and not when leaving; for they purify themselves to enter the holy place; but when they leave it they should have no further use for that spiritual succor, sanctified as they have been by prayer, the sacraments, and the liturgical offices. Such is the practice universally followed in Rome." -The

GAVE HER LIFE TO NEGROES. The New Orleans Morning Star tells the life-story of a Catholic woman whose name appeared in the newspapers for the first time with the notice of her death, but who for forty years performed a most important

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and self-effacing public service in that

In the next place, there is water of the colored people released from blessed by a bishop to be used in con-slavery without any mental or moral preparation for the duties of citizenchurches that have been desecrated. Ship. With a mind of unusual depth and grasp, she studied social conditions. Pope Gregory IX, made its use ter the war. She was particularly impressed with the rapid loss of faith among the Louisiana negroes brought up by Catholic masters and mistresses ter, which, as is well known, is us-ually blessed by a priest. This bless-negro soon became the consuming purpose of her life. She decided to do what one person might do, in the way that lay nearest to her, to stem the

She opened a little school in her own home, gathered her pupils from among the colored people of the neigh-borhood, and soon had a class of nearly 100 boys and girls whom she taught to read and write, and instilled into them the principles of their faith. She took them to Mass every ed by the Church on that day.

According to another division, there may be said to be four kinds of holy their First Communion. She followed the boys and girls from her school and First Communion classes into the fonts at the church doors during the last three days of Holy Week. was, in a word, the guardian angel of the poor negroes of her quarter of The present rite of blessing water New Orleans, giving her whole life to

most remarkable ever seen in the gathering of clergy besides paid tri-

THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS. (By Eleanor C. Donnelly. )

No melody from angel choirs ring-No echo from Creation's chorus springing,

No dulcet word that earth or skies proclaim Could ever fill the ear with music

Like that arising from devoutest When loving lips breathe Jesus'

der heaven, There is no other name to mankind

given Whereby to win salvation," save Thine own!

a flower. It fills our souls with light and peace and power. Begotten of the Deity alone!

O Name of grandeur, all our homage claiming! O Name of fire, coldest hearts inflam-

O Name of splendor, routing darkest gloom! joy of angels! solace of the best! strength of martyrs and all souls

O brilliant sun which glorifies the

Be Thou in life our dearest, richest Treasure:

Be Theu our only Good, our truest Pleasure: Our stronghold 'gainst temptation,

sin and shame! Repeated oft with reverential love, Dear Jesus, give to us from realms

To taste in death the gracious sweets thereof, And enter heaven thro' Thy Holy

RELICS OF THE CROSS.

Often it has been asserted traare shams; that there are more than be genuine. could be carried by three hundred men; that a house or a battleship could be built with them, etc. Calumnies innumberless and baseless as these are accepted by many without doubt or question, simply because they heard them in their childhood. A learned Passionist Father performs a valuable service, therefore when he gives the following summary of most important and useful terms to be preserved for

future reference: 1. After the body of Christ was buried the cross was thrown into a cavern on Mt. Calvary. There it re Our lust for food and drink let's cure, mained buried until found by St. Helens in 326. The feast of "The Finding of the Holy Cross," May 3, commemorates this fact.

2. St. Helena built a magnificent When chastening fast doth circumvent, church over the place where the cross was found, and in it she placed the greater part of the cross, inclosed in We give Thee glory, Heaven's King. a silver casket. In 614 the Persions carried it away, but ten years later Heraclius, Emperor of Constantinople, compelled them to restore it. feast of "The Exaltation of the Holy Feast of S. John Damascene, 1908. celebrates this event on Sep Cross'

3. From that time (624) the wood of the cross became the object of pious veneration, and small particles were eagerly sought for and venerated as precious relics.

death by crucifixion is that of Phar- be celebrated, that of the foundation oah's chief baker, mentioned in Gene of the Canadian college in Rome,

sis, chapter xi. as instruments of punishment - the one, in the Eternal City, and of which Crux Furea, or forked stake, like the there is no member of the clergy at letter Y, the Crux Decussa, or oblique home who has not very pleasant recross, like the letter X, sometimes collections, either as student or visicalled St. Andrew's cross; the Crux tor. Canada is the last corner of Patibula, also called a Tau Cross, be- the world to be represented in Rome

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beam 71 inches wide and 6 inches

7. The entire cross contained about 63 cubic feet of wood, or 11,448 cubic inches. The wood belonged to the Pinnues or pine tree genus.

ground when our Lord carried it, the cated there, forty priests who had suf- Dubuque, Iowa. actual weight on His shoulders was fered martyrdom in England, giving about 150 pounds.

9. Only 291 inches of the true cross From out the Godhead, blooming like if brought together, only five pounds and two ounces.

800 relics may be had.

11. With the foregoing figures as a containing 11,448 cubic inches, would 56,113,442 remaining, for there are 447,080,158 Christias in the world.

However, only 291 cubic inches o the true cross still remain, and these 184 cubic inches are cut up into twelve large pieces, varying in size from 33 cubic inches down to 6 2-3 inches. These large pieces are preserved in various cities. Only 107 cubic inches therefore remain for general distribution. Yet, according to the calculation given above in No. 10 these 109 cubic inches should yield no less than enough to account for all many of the relics of the true cross the relics claimed by the Catholics to

#### From The Hymns of The Church

"Jam Lucis Orto Sidere." (Hymn at Prime.) And e'en from light of rising star, With suppliant voice we pray, God keep the stain of sin afar. From deeds of ours this day.

Let deepest cell of heart be pure; Let folly flee the mind; And pride of flesh of God grind.

Thus when the course of day is spent, And rules the mighty shade; To God the thanks he paid!

With Christ Thine Only Son, And Spirit's loving praise we sing E'en now, while ages run.

-R. H. Fitz-Henry

#### Our College in Rome

This year a most interesting anni-The first authentic example of versary for Canadian Catholics will which is the most important institu-Four kinds of crosses were used tion of the Dominion, indeed the only

feet long; the tranverse in 727. St. Thomas of Canterbury is tector of the new institution, conduct- be well to add here that the Rect aph, was also given hospitality. By 8. The entire cross weighed about 1647 the English college could not signor John J. Keane, then Bishop Rome, was applied. Anyone who was Pledge of Thy mercy, Master!- "un- 200 pounds, but as it trailed on the count among those who had been edu-

of the martyrs).

Archbishop of Dublin, was Rector,

called upon, owes to the Sulpicians sent which could be offered to him

the erection of the Canadian College Apostles."

occasion to St. Philip Neri to salute

produce no less than 503,193,600 re- English College, intended to have one eight years later. He had brought porcelain stoves in Venice. ics, enough to give each Christian also for the Irish, but as at that with him as his secretary, a young nomination, one relic, and still have it better to devote the money to as- succeed him in his high position. Of minds of the students by a magnifistead, founded by his nephew, Car- recall the good Monsignor Moreau, work of art, by the well-known sculpdinal Ludovisio, in 1628, with the Bishop of St. Hyacinth, who passed tor, Bartolini. It represents celebrated Irish Franciscan historian, away a little over two years later. Joseph at work in his shop, with the Father Luke Wadding, as first rector, Other prelates, instead, still occupy Divine Infant, a delicious interior, the college starting with six students the same position, as then, such as which teaches that work is the least and a donation of fifty dollars per Monsignor Duhamel, the venerable of the sacrifices. This college also remained Archbishop of Ottawa, Mgr. Riordan, The building itself is most graceful, under the Jesuits until their suppres- Archbishop of San Francisco, and the architect, Signor Corinnini, hav-Leo XII. restored it in 1816, Mgr. Maes, Bishop of Covington, ing been inspired by Bramante, and, and Cardinal Cappellari, afterwards Ky. The Canadian Bishops present indeed, the College recalls the cele-Gregory XVI., conceived a singular assisted Cardinal Parocchi in the brated Palace of the Cancelleria. affection for this Irish community and blessing of the College, which was loaded it with favors. In 1836 he performed in the presence also of Mr. tution entirely without precious the Irish people, as it contains the sion. The audience took place in the heart of the Irish patriot, Daniel O'- Hall of the Throne, and the Archbish-Connell, who left it to them as a op of Montreal, speaking in the pame only through her pilgrims, and her answered that he considered it was Zouaves who fought bravely whenever the handsomest and most useful pre-

and more especially to the Seminary and expressed the hope of seeing the of St. Sulpice, of Montreal, the foun- new College march along the same dation of her College, which is the way as the other institutions of St. most comfortable and the handsomest Sulpice Father Colin, whom the Pope especially complimented, said The negotiations for this new insti- "Holy Father, this Canadian College tution began in 1885, and on the 24th is the Benjamin of the fam'ly, and de of August of that year Lord Salis- sires to receive the benediction of the bury, then British Premier, and Min- Patriarch." "I bless it with all my ister of Foreign Affairs, telegraphed heart," replied the Pope, "How many to Lord Lumley, Ambassador in students are in the college?" "Twelve, Rome, entrusting to his good offices as in the Apostolic College of the "Well, they must become 20, 25, 30 ........ ended the Fope, and this prophecy has been realized, as there are thirty students this year. As is known they are already priests or clerics, who, having finished their elementary theological studies desire to take academic degrees, and therefore, come to Rome to frequen the schools of Propaganda for philosophy and theology, and those of the

> their scarlet robes are so conspicuous as to be one of the "sights. The first Rector of the College was Abbe Palin d' Leclaire, and the third and present one, Father Georges Camille Clapin, of St. Hyacinthe, who

Apollinare for other branches. Each

student pays 150 dollars a year while

at the College and wears the ordinary

ecclesiastical black gown, with black

sash, which is most dignified and seri-

ous, while, for instance, their fellow-

students at the German College, in

erdinary cross, and generally supposed to be the kind on which our Saviour died.

6. The dimensions of the cross of Christ were as follows: The upright was founded by Ina, King of Wessex, Sulpice, while Cardinal Howard, Property of the property of the property is 15 feet learn, St. Thomas of Canterbury is 15 feet learn, the transport of the property is 15 feet learn, the property is 15 feet l supposed to have resided there, under ed the ceremony, assisted by Cardin-receives no payment for his services-Henry VIII. Several Englishmen als Taschereau and Gibbons, who were The inauguration of the Canadiantook refuge there and when the Ca- both in Rome to take their red hats, College marked an epoch in Rome. tholic bishops were driven from their having been raised to the purple by not, however, a religious one, but an sees, at the accession of Elizabeth, Leo XIII. shortly before, in the same epoch of comfort, as it was the first

Thomas Goldwell, Bishop of St. As- Consistery. Another prelate present building here in which steam heating at that interesting function, was Mon- or central heating, as they call it in of Richmond, and now Arcphishop of in Rome fifteen years or so ago will remember the awful chill of the big The inauguration of the College took palaces, and institutions, full of suites place on November 11, 1888, with of immense rooms, with no visible the students with the words, "Salvete magnificent weather, one of those means of heating them. No fireare still in existence, and would weigh flores martyrumi!" (Hail, ye flowers golden Roman days, in which sun, sky places, nothing but a brass brazier and air, seem to combine for the de- filled with charcoal ashes, very pic-The Scotch also possess in Rome a light of man. The ceremony was con- turesque and delightful to read about. 10. The average size of a relic of the Church and a Hostel of the time of ducted by Cardinal Parocchi, Vicar of but fearful to have to do with. Even true cross is about one-sixteenth of Henry VIII., which Mary Stuart put Rome, who was then supposed to be the huge Vatican, with its 11,000 an inch long, and as thin as ordinary on a sound footing, but the Scotch the most probable successor to Leo years, had no other heating until in A common match will yield college, as it now stands, was found- XIII., but who instead died several the last year of Lea XIII.'s pontifino less than 1,400 such pieces. One ed by Clement VIII. in 1600. In years before that great Pope. A cate his doctor insisted on steam cubic inch of wood will produce 32 1616, it was made over, by Paul V. glance at the notabilities present heating, so that he might always be cubic inch of wood will produce 32 1616, it was made over, by Paul V. glance at the notabilities produce 32 multiplied by 1,400 equals (Borghese) to the Jesuits, who had makes at twenty years distance, cuin an atmosphere of equal temperations and interesting reading. The ture. The Pontiff fought hard, saying small block of wood, whose bulk is suppression in 1773. Pius VII. re- Seminary of St. Sulpice, of Montreal, that he did live in an equal temperatory one cubic inch, no less than 44, vived it in 1820, and placed it under had sent its Superior, Father Colin, ture of cold, but the doctor had his. the charge of a Scotch secular priest, who had done so much towards the way, and Pius X. is reaping the beneerection of the new College, and the fit also, although in the beginning hebasis of calculation, the entire cross, Gregory XIII., who, as we saw, diocese was represented by the Arch-disliked it somewhat; but not wholly was practically the founder of the bishop, Monsignor Fabre, who died as he had been accustomed to great

The Patron Saint of the College is man, woman and child, of every de- time they were persecuted he thought Abbe, Father Bruchesi, who was to St. Joseph, who is kept fresh in the sisting them. The College was, in- those who meanwhile have died I will cent bas-relief over the great door, a

Nor is this typical Canadian insti-

paid a formal visit to the college Kennedy, Eritish Charge d'Affaires, lics. On January 21, 1891, Leo XIII while Paul Cullen, afterwards Cardinal representing the English Government. sent a silver reliquary, handsomely Three days later Cardinal Simeoni, worked, containing some bones of the and in the same year he gave the Col- Prefect of Propaggnda, presented to seven saints who founded the order lege the Church and Sant' Agata dei Leo XIII. the staff of the College, of the Servites, and who were Canen-Goti (St. Agatha of the Goths), and all the Canadian Bishops and pre- ized by him during his great Jubilec which has now a great interest for lates who were in Rome for the occa- year, as a present to the College, and in the same year and month, a noble family of Rome offered to sell a reliquary, containing an authentic hit legacy, and is enclosed in a monument of Canada, said that the College was of the true cross, to the Rector. The a gift of the Dominion for the Papal price seemed beyond his means where Canada, which was known to Rome Jubilee of that year. The Pontiff the Princess de Broglie came forward, bought it, and gave it to the College as an offering to St. Joseph.

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