#### FIVE-MINUTE SERMON

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER

INTERCESSORY PRAYER "Brethren we cease not to pray for you, that you walk worthy of God."

These are St. Paul's words taken from the Epistic of to day. It is just what every devoted priest might truly say to the people over whom he is appointed the pastor. Among the many things, common enough among Catho-lics, but which strike the unbeliever with wonder and admiration, perhaps that which impresses such persons the most deeply is our constant use of and most deeply is our constant use of and confident reliance upon intercessory prayer; priests and people each asking the other's prayers, each promising the other to remember them before God, and both undoubtedly doing so with love and devotion.

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If it is surprising to non-Catholics it ought not to be so, for the Christian religion is evidently a system of intercessory prayer. As it was the sublime divine office of Our Lord to intercede for all mankind, so it is also the duty

for all mankind, so it is also the duty of every Christian to intercede for the brethren, a loving duty which keeps Catholics firmly and closely united in the bonds of divine charity.

That both dostrine and practice were given up by that unlovely and unloving make-betieve Christianity called Protestantism, as that heresy was obliged to do in denying the merit of good works, is one of the chief reasons for its disunion and division into clashing and envious sects.

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This intercessory prayer for others is a spiritual supersubstantial bread given and taken by loving, charitable hearts. In this practice is to be found one of the secrets of that strong, mutual love between Catholic pries's and their de-voted people, which out iders see but cannot explain. To pray earnestly for the spiritual needs of another, to inter-cede with the divine justice for the highest giveness of another; this is the highest and purest act of Christian love. And this is what Catholics are all the time doing for one another. "Pray for me" is as natural and ordinary a salutation as "Good morning" or "Good night." The priests like to be asked for their

dovid, of the priests were not all the time lifting up their hands in supplication at one altar, lifting up the Divine Victim, imploring forgiveness for sinners, pity and mercy for the erring and the lost, grace for the hardened heart, comfort for those who suffer and mourn, help for the tempted and described and the processing for those who are spairing, restraints for those who are ushing blindly to their own destruc-

And be assured, dear brethren, that your priests need and count upon your prayers. Their life, at best, is a hard one, full of trial and hardship; but the knowledge that those for whom they labour are interceding for them gives m courage and most sweet consola-

None know better than they how ecious your loving prayers are held be in the sight of our all merciful and compassionate God.

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If they were deprived of the help of your prayers they would have good reason, indeed, to fear. It is so easy to fall short of the high vocation to which they are called. Their duties are so onerous, and their responsibilities are so great! But it is by your prayers that their sins are forgiven, their graces increased, their temptations overcome, their spiritual enemies driven off, their hours of sadness comforted, and their bed of death smoothed. See, too, what heavenly comfort we

have in the constant intercession we make for our beloved departed ones. Death separates us in body, but not in spirit. We reach them by the power of intercessory prayer, their souls are still near to us, they are still numbered sins of the world, forever interceding

Learn, dear brethren, to esteem this truly divine privilege, by virtue of which we become powerful advocates in which we become powerful advocates in union with Our Lord for the salvation f our brethren. Intercede for the living ; intercede for the dead. Pray for ourselves, but pray much for others, for so will you show that you are filled with that charity of Christ, who prayed and died not for his own sake, but for the sake of those who, whether friends or enemies, would never otherwise have been saved.

### TEMPERANCE

CANADIAN CATHOLICS WORK FOR TEMPERANCE

The remarkable wave of temperance passing over the province of Quebec formed the subject of discussion at a Catholic Social Endeavor Congress recently held at Three Rivers. According to statistics supplied by the Rev. Father Ladislas, Franciscan, who dealt with the subject as a practical man engaged in temperance work, a consider le reduction in the number of bars in the province has taken place within the past seven years—or since the inaugura-tion by Archbishop Bruchesi and Archtion by Archbishop Bruchest and Arch-bishop Begin of a province-wide cam-paign with a view to educating the whole province to a realization of the dangers of alcholism. Whereas in 1905 re 70 licenses issued for each 80,000 of population, in 1912 the proportion stood 56 licenses for each 90,000 Moreover, a considerable number of municipalities have gone straight pro-hibition, with the result that there are no drink dispensing establishments within their borders. In the bringing about of this gratifying result those interested in Ca holic social endeavor had distri-buted considerably over 100,000 broch-ures, pamphlets, etc., whilst a temperpulpit and school in every parish in the

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were dealt with by the congress, the principle topic of discussion centred sbott temperance work. The Rev. Father Ladislas, aforementioned, whilst admitting that the results thus far attained have been gratifying, pointed out that there still remained much to be done. In the first place, efforts must be principally concentrated on the youth of the province. The method to com-bat the evil of alcoholism must be educative, and thus it is into the very schools that the workers must go if they schools that the workers must go if they hope to bring about any tangible result. Nor was the family to be neglected in the great work. Here much good work could be effected by the distribution of anti alcoholic literature. In the parishes the cause could be advanced by frequent holding of temperance demonstrations, the founding of societies destined to encourage abstinence from The priests like to be asked for their prayers, and they, in tura, count upon the people's prayers that they may have the grace and strength to worthily fulfil their high and difficult vocation.

What, indeed, would become of the people, exposed to all the strong temporal of the world, the flesh, and the days, if the priests were not all the time lifting and the priests were not all the days, in the priests were not all the days, if the priests were not all the days and the days are days are days are days and the days are days are

adopted, the speaker, whose views were later embodied in a resolution passed by the whole congress, recommends more frequent approach to the sacra-ments of penance and the Eucharist by victims of the habit, whilst in the case of the more inveterate ones, whose cases were almost hopeless, a species of personal prohibition, somewhat after the fashion of the "Indian list" should

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At the twenty-first snnual convention
of the Association of Military Surgeons
held in Baltimore, Md., recently
Colonel L. M. Mans of the United
States Army, Medical Corps, discussed
the question: "Should total abstinence be required of officers in the military service?" and maintained that the
use of alcoholic stimulants had no place
in the army or navy, either as a mediuse of alcoholic stimulants had no place in the army or navy, either as a mediciac or a regalement. He said that its use should be barred by legislative enastments. Raumerating what he said were a few of the most important pyschological and pathological effects of the use of alcohol, Coi Maus averred that it has been the cause of countless unjust court-martial scateness against officers and uses, of barsh official decisions and discriminations in assignments, of hopeless aspirations and ruined careers.

He said that it "causes sickness, impairs health and usefulness, adds greatly to the non-efficiency of both officers and

to the non-efficiency of both officers and men, adds additional burden and cost to the medical department, deprives the government of otherwise valuable officers and enlisted men, and forces them on the retired or pension list with the great assembly who worship amb of God who taketh away the Practically all of th crimes in the army can be directly traced to the use of alcohol. Most of the murders, suicides, robberies, courts martial and dismissal of officers, defalca-tions and peculations, duplications of pay accounts, prison and guard-house sentences of enlisted men, descritions, venereal diseases and insanity are due to the use of alcoholic beverages."

A GERMAN ARMY TOTAL ABSTIN-ENCE SOCIETY

A Total Abstinence Society has re-cently been organized in the German army with full and free co-operation of army officers high and low. The idea started among the younger officers of the garrison at Mulhausen. These officers and soldiers of the post became converted to total abstinence through the anti-alcohol society of the place and soon felt a desire to found a purely soon felt a desire to found a purely military abstinence society similar to the one already existing in the German

A number of circumstances, but particularly the Kaiser's speech to the naval cadets at Murwick, lent encour-agement to their wish. The higher officers were quite ready to give assistance, and a naval officer helped draft the constitution which was promptly approved by the proper suchority. On the day of organization a parade notice was posted informing officers and pri-vates of the new organization, which was called "The Army Abstinence Society of Mulhausen."

Thus the German army and navy are giving official encouragement to a move-ment similar to that which is credited with having revolutionized the morals of the British army and navy. Twenty-five per cent. of the soldiers in the British army are abstainers and it is conservatively estimated that there are

25 000 absteiners in the navy.
At the London Congress Against Alcoholism, where demonstrations were ures, pamphlets, etc., whilst a temper-ance campaign has been waged from the societies in the British civil and military service, Sir George White gave as province.
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ernment and of the officers high in com-and, and the fact that the men under-tood that it was a distinct element in their favor in promotion and in details to desirable service if they were ab-stainers.—Translated for the Scientific Temperance Journal.

A FERVENT IRISH PRAYER

Sacred Heart Review

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Through the kindness of Mother Mary de Chantal, Superior of St. John's Home, Brooklyn, N. Y., we are enabled to give in full the "Translation of Very Ancient Irish Verses" pars of which was quoted in a recent Review 'editorial. In sending us this translation, Mother Mary de Chantal remarks that it is probably only the glowing heart of an Irish Catholic that would prompt the expression "O Darling Lord" which occurs in the last stanza. Incidentally the good nun expresses her appreciation of the merits of the Review and wishes it continued success:

I offer Thee Every flower that ever grew, Every bird that ever flew, Every wind that ever blew,

Every thunder rolling, Every church-bell tolling, Every leaf and sod.

I offer Thee-Every wave that ever moved, Every heart that ever loved. Thee Thy Father's well beloved,

Every river dashing, Every lightning flashing Like an angel's sword.

Every cloud that ever swept O'er the skies, and broke and wept In vain, and with the flowerets sleet,

Dear Lord

My King! Each communicant praying, Every ange! staying Before Tny throne to sing!

Adoramus Te ! I offer Thee-

Every flake of virgin snow, Every spring the earth below, Every human joy and wee. Oh Lord ! and all Thy glorious

Self. o'er death victorious

Take all of them, O Darling Lord, In Thy Blessed Sacrament loved-adored, Multiply each and every one; Make each of them into millions, Into glorious millions,

Into gorgeous millions, Into golden millions— Of Glorias, glorious Son! And then, O dear Lord, listen, Where the Tabernacles glisten, To those praises, Holiest One.

### IMPROVIDENT MARRIAGES

"Dave and I are going to be married, Uncle Andrew," said twenty-year-old Jennie Martin. Uncle Andrew had brought her up comfortably, and she was fond of him, but in her eyes he was with handsome Dave Rogers.
Uncle Andrew had a very annoying

way of saying things that one didn't always care to hear. "What are you going to live on?" was what he said to Jennie when she told the wonderful

In novels, kind fathers always said : "God bless you. Be happy my children." But uncles were different.
"Why, Dave has a steady job," answered the bride-elect, and her voice showed that she resented the slight

cast on Dave.
"That's the fifth or sixth 'steady "That's the fifth or sixth 'steady' job D ve Rogers has had this year. That's a bad sign," said Uncle Andrew. "Take my advice, little girl, and wait until Dave sticks at something. He's a good-looker, but you'll need more than good looks when you go to bonsekeer.

ing."
That was seventeen years ago. Of course Jennie decided in favor of Dave. course Jennie decided in favor of Dave. He would take care of her. Uncle Andrew was old-fashioned and never got out of a rut all his life. Dave wasn't like that. He lost the "steady" job by taking three weeks for the honeymoon trip, instead of the two allowed him. After that vacancies seemed to be scarce. Still Jennie thought it rather pleasant to have her young husband at home, watching har young husband at home, watching her get the meals and talking about the get the meals and talking about the job he was gure to get sometime. After a while the provision dealer gave them to understand that he "had quit feeding them;" the landlord grew clamorous about the rent; the furniture people carted off the parior set. Then

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Jennie woke up to the reality. Before the first year of her married life was ended she began to wish she had listened to Uncle Andrew. And what hurt rather badly was that Dave didn't mind having her borrow from the old uncle. Nor did he seem to mind when the day came that she sought the old home and begged to stay there until her strength came back.

After the baby was born someone with influence got Dave into the fire department, and poor Jennie was radiant over the pay envelope he turned in. They took up housekeeping again, but Dave had a proud spirit and would not "take any talk" from the captain who had a hot temper and a rough tongue. He "threw up the job," and since that time has been a packer, a shipping clerk a porter, and a dozen other things. He is still a good-looker, but Jennie has ceased to care for that. Uncle Andrew has been the refuge in the numerous intermissions between jobs—intermissions that increase in length each year. "It is a shame," Jennie cried to herself at first, "to take so much from him," but after a while she did not mind. The children were first in her shoughts. They must be fed and sheltered; so when their father did not provide or could not provide for their wants she brought them back to the old home.

Careless, lary Dave, content " to let his family sponge on Uncle Andrew,"

brought them back to the old home.

Careless, lazy Dave, content " to let his family sponge on Uncle Andrew," as Jennie says in bitterness of apirit, is not the ideal husband of her girlhood dreams. If only he would be a man! But he never will, she admits now—since he let the children go to work. Mollie and Elizabeth are smart and worth educating but they are at work. worth educating, but they are at work for a few dollars a week, and the mother's heart is filled with misgivings and disappointed ambitions. Uncle Andrew can do no more than shelter them, and Dave has lost all shame The other children are little, but the mother has given up hoping and planning. She just "gets along some way." and does not dare think beyond the

What a commonplace little story is here recalled! There are many like it; some far worse. "Dave never drinks, some far worse. "Dave never drinks, and he never struck me," is the one boast poor Jennie makes about her husband. There are many wives who cannot say so much. The other day in a city court a young wife fainted for lack of food; after a year of starving and abuse she had been deserted by her husband. He had been a vacation friend, and persuaded her to marry him after an acquaictance of a few months.

after an acquaintance of a few months.
With the opening of the dancing season will begin another series of those unfortunate friendships that usually end in improvident marriages There are many Daves and Jennies who on the strength of a few dances together will decide to marry and les together will decide to marry and let the future take care of itself. It shey do not pay the full toll of suffering for their folly it is because there are Uacle Andrews or other friends to save them from the most dire straits. How much better it would be if girls

would rate at their true value the class of then who haunt pleasure and shirk work.—S. Heart Review.

#### A PRESENT-DAY MIRACLE

Visible miracles are vouchsafed us now and again to quicken our twentieth-century faith. We believe, but our belief resembles our trust in human friend-ship—we would have evidences that our confidence is not misplaced. And the risen Master Who felt compassion, not contempt, for the doubting Thomas, still deigns to ahow His wounds, prove His deity to weak chi dren of faltering

Usually the instrument which He uses is poor and lowly. While the Catholic world was singing hymns of praise for the immeasurable blessing of receiving the immessurable blessing of receiving daily Holy Communion, there was added a still sweeter, purer note—the pean of baby tongues upon which rested the Creator of heaven and earth. For the first time since the days of the primitive

knickerbockers.

To come back to our apparent miracles. On December, 6, 1907, a little Corkonian orphan girl of four years and three months made her first Holy Communion by special dispensation from the Bishop. One year later the companions of "Little Nellie of Holy God," as the angulic shild was known wester. angelic child was known, wrote Pius X. thanking him in artless fashion for issu-ing the decree of the first Holy Commun-

After relating to the Holy Father the After relating to the Holy Father the story of their companion they continue:
"Twelve months ago we began a novena at night prayers that she would work a big miracle which would obtain for her little companions and all the little children over the world the great favor of receiving Holy Communion as near to the age that she received it as

possible.
"Would it be wrong for us to think that the decree has been granted through her intercession, and that it is to our darling little Nellie that we and all the little children owe this great privilege. If it is not wrong to think so, we would be so happy, dear Holy Father, if you made our little flower a saint, the little saint of child Communion."

A little child shall lead them! Can A little child shall lead them! Can the father who sees his young son returning from the altar, sees heads inclined in reverence as that living tabernacle passes by, fail to feel the attraction of grace exemplified in his own flesh and blood? Can the mother, wistfully watching the flower-like face of her baby daughter of six bent above tiny, clasped heads as the young communicant hears hands as the young communicant bears back her living Lord, resist the call which shall make her a worthy custodian

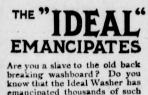
of such spiritual leveliness?

A miracle is being worked before our eves every Sanday in the increased number of men who approach the holy who formerly received Holy Communication but once a year to order to keep within the pale of Caurch law, now do so every mouth. In pulpit and confessional we priests have held up to delinquents the piature of busy, brainy, progressive men receiving weekly, some even daily, while they only do so annually. The contrast-ing picture has proved effective scores of

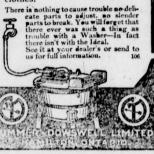
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