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+ PAUL. Archbishop of Montreal

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SO-

On Sunday we celebrate the feast of that great apostle of charity, St. Vincent de Paul. Schooled in meekness and patience, led through the by-ways of trial and suffering, nobility and its lower classes. high favor with King Louis XIII., whom he prepared for death, he was to the occasion and listen to the call specially devoted with life-long sa- of God and His suffering poor. crifice to the poor. Most active and zealous in his many works, he was closely united with God. Whenever the clock struck he raised his soul in love and prayer. No matserved the greatest calmness things. was apathetic. On the contrary he there, ready to vindicate itself was tender and affectionate: all the things have really gone too far. us by the Society which, under his How few laymen ever think for ginggrowth and work show the in- not merely by takes in the social conditions of the do in the kingdom of God. work of charity. No layman, Montalembert, mark of his Catholicity as did Ozan- the laity. Too and which also was the man whose career shows what a Catholic layman should be, do in the apostolate of our day when Early in life he seems ences, for he used to say: "Happy our efforts, create some good work, and having attracted others to our others to our circle, lead all society to assemble should be "no surrender." They are under that proteoting shadow." When dazzled by vain exterior show, flat strong pamphlet against Saint Siciety—and led astray by the natural monism, the Socialistic pioneers. This virtue of refinement. It is bad effort displayed taste and crudition, enough to contemplate the injury tholicism. When the French journal-

warmth and sympathy, and also moderation towards But Ozanam's life is renarkable for other and greater things once at a reunion an animated debate on the vitality of Catholicism was preceding, when a young orator objected that the old faith was dy-"If your faith is sincere," should show itself in works. Where are they? Let us see them?" Quickly came the answer, 'Let us establish a Conference charity." No sooner said than done.

Reunions were held in the rooms of the young men, a society formed and St. Vincent de l'aul chosen as on. Of this new organization derick Ozanam, if not the first sident, was the life and soul. The objects of the Society are the same o-day as when first established-to relieve the poor in their temporal neessities, to promote their moral improvement by visits to their homes to render more easy their way heaven. The seed of that day grown to world-wide dimensions-its branches spreading everywhere and sheltering multitudes. From the time of its inception up to his own death in September, 1853, he was ever active in promoting the work of Ardent in temperament he was prudent enough to avoid the shoals upon which the barks of many of his contemporaries drifted. He had hopes of the republic of 1848. but his illusions were of short duration.

He was one of the few who followed

the saintly shepherd of Paris, Arch-

the barricade of the Faubourg Saint

time and noble life the most lasting

result is the Society of St. Vincent

Out of all that stirring

bishop Affre, to his martyrdom

Antoine.

Ozanam was learned amongst erudite men, and eloquent amongst generation rich in oratory-but writings and his speeches are on the shelves of history. His godly deeds of charity alone have not failedthey keep his memory in benediction The Society to which he was so devoted spread to this country—a conference being founded in Quebec in 1851. It is now found all over the country. It's spirit remains religious and benevolent-with more of the supernatural in it than mere natural desire of relief. The world is all the better for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. What we need to day is an apostolate with a few he leaders in thought and action who became, after and by God's grace, will imitate Frederick Ozanam. Many the Saviour of France, its clergy, its students there are at universities In who might do so much for the Church and mankind, if only they would rise

### INDIFFERENTISM.

Man is not, and cannot be, alone. He is more than individual; he is a ter what crosses he had to bear, or social unit with relations which are disappointments to undergo, or slan- manifold in variety and comprehenders to put up with, he always pre- sive in the number they affect. This condition is practically and generalpeace of mind. All events, whether ly admitted in affairs political. There prosperous or adverse, he accepted may be exceptions—and in municipal perfect resignation desirous politics those taking a real interest that God should be glorified in all and manifesting a public spirit grow It was not that our Saint fewer. The power, however, of charity and religion is more in religious than in worldly touched him most keenly. But St. matters that indifferentism tends to Vincent de Paul is better known to destroy what zeal should cultivate. invocation, bears his name. Its ori- moment that they should be apostles, example and virtue which the Catholic Church but that they have active work to There was born at Milan in Church is a society—the most per-1813, Frederick Ozanam, who was fect in the world-consisting of clergy estined to emulate the great St. and laity. Both of these have their paration and ruin rather than union noons in Prospect Park St. and laity. Both of these have their his work to do, and their concerted action to take in order to build up the temple. The clergy cannot accomplish the task alone, nor could the laity. Too frequently every—the laity. Too frequently every—the laity. Too frequently every—the laity. Too frequently every—the laity to the clergy repairs at the laity. The clergy repairs at the laity repairs at the laity. The clergy repairs at the laity repairs at the laity repairs at the park entric car was almost at the Park was taken by a gust of wind. He reached to catch it, lost his balance, fell under the car, and was killed in a Work Done by Men Over Forty."

This statement brought forth many a rejoinder and much ridicule; was taken by a gust of wind. He reached to catch it, lost his balance, fell under the car, and was killed in a Work Done by Men Over Forty."

Work Done by Men Over Forty." Vincent in charity and extend his work to do, and their concerted ac- and success. But the fact that justric car was almost at the Park enstamped upon his time so legible a complish the task alone, nor could proof that the French critic's judg- reached to catch it, lost his balance, "Christianity and erudition," thing is left to the clergy—perhaps tual co-operation is at work for the stantly. His death brought sincere writes his eulogist, "profound sci- they desire this. Surely not. All welfare of the country. We can grief to hundreds of boys in Brookence and simple faith; all the subtili- along the line the help of seculars be- hardly agree with the means by lyn who had come under his forceful ties of criticism and all the wealth comes more apparent. Omitting the which the gentleman draws his con- yet most kind tuition. His humility of an imagination placed at the ser- administration of the sacraments clusions, although we think they are and gentleness were proverbial. As vice of Christian truth; an activity which is official, there are the in the main correct. He tells us Stephen Moore, aged eighteen, which carried him continually from works of education, temperance, and the Library of the Institute to the garrets of the poor; a gift of eloquence which dominated a raging ganization of the laity. It never audience of young Voltairians by enters the mind of our Catholic young men that they should endeavor to make their Catholicity a livcalmed the sufferings of the sick and the outbreaks of the indigent"—this of the social world. The outbreaks of the indigent"—this ing force in the social world. The thus could not have passed into Onthe outbreaks of the indigent. defend and propogate its truths, to what a Catholic layman should be, protect and advance its interests. bec. Had he proceeded further into and what a Catholic layman could Too frequently they simply complaint the country he would have found they do not see why the priests do Catholic organizations are still in not refute these stories. Not one of France, the name of God is not men them would reason: Well, perhaps to have had the idea of his confer- that is my business-I will answer Catholics, standing on the constituthat. Weak in character they dis- tion, have fought against it, and will I be, if a few friends will ga-ther around me so that we may join Catholic surroundings. They are silent when they should protest and back with him, how an intrepid micompromising when their motto should be "no surrender." They are the country and the justice of their

circumstances. that such an individual might have, and should 'have, enlisted as an Perhaps he was fishing and listening officer in his Master's service. He left to fish stories. We know of no inschool well equipped. But he threw stitution enjoying in any Province his catechism and his religion away on the shelf-to be neglected OT' brought down when his good mother has well nigh worn herself out entreating him. Has the Church no of education and benevolence carried claim upon his honor, his energy and his respect? What did she not do Quebec. Catholicism has written a for him in the formation of his cha- glorious chapter in Canadian history racter and the shaping of his life? All that is brightest in his intelli- Province of the Dominion. Pioneer gence, strongest in his will and purest in his heart is due to his Church. This is forgotten at least by nine out of ten. The trouble is that it not fashionable to make the sign of the cross at a dinner party. Nor tivity and fostering mothers of faith is it easy to stand the sneer of irreligious companions when the ques-Then tion of confession comes up. the few who attend to these things, who go to Mass and holy confession, and who are found regularly at Sacred Communion, go no further. They think their task is done. This is not enough. It was never enough, nei- poor. No where else does Catholicther for the martyrs who died. as es nor for confessors who liv- Quebec. ed for God and truth. There is a Catholic social creed which we must all profess and practice-a creed expressed by deeds and conduct—a creed timony which this journalist renders of teaching and defending the truth, exemplifying in life the charity we Canada generally is his following should have for the Church itself, its paragraph: Supreme Head, its trials and difficulties and also for its local reent in the welfare of the Church. Our own dearest interests are too closely connected therewith for to stand idle or unmoved in the shock of battle which the world wages against Christ's Kingdom. Our love of liberty more than our zeal for religion should rouse us from ally, an example of Christian virlethargy, and inspire us to take each a hero's part in the strife. Life is not selfishness seeking pleasure and aiming at power. It is self-restraint and blameless conduct-pursuit of religion's high ideal-prayerful worship of God and a union in the great organization of the Catholic Church each joining with the other in life's constant effort by mutual support and encouragement to advance common interests and defend our the fiftieth anniversary of the publicommon faith. Let the young men cation of the dogma of the Immaculbe drawn into one or other of Catholic organizations. Let as few pose of the monument is the drift away as possible. Let them be memoration of the Pope's jubilee. made to feel at home amongst their The idea was originated by the pafellow-Catholics, so that they will be triarchs of the Maronites and the late less likely to seek pleasure where. There are societies enough Syria. But every member of every society which amounts to 50,000 francs, should bring it home to himself that was raised through the instrumenhe has a noble part to take in it tality of a committee presided over all, and that he cannot be indiffer- by the successor of Msgr. Duval, who ent or apathetic-that he is a living has been most energetic in carrying member of the Church of the living

CANADIAN CATHOLICISM. From the Literary Digest we gather that a Parisian journalist nore than pleased with the harmony tholic and Protestant forces of the roseate as this artist paints them, ed. still it is a subject of national pride and mutual congratulation. This visitor may not have been here about Franciscan Brothers in Brooklyn, the time of the glorious 12th of who was Stephen Moore in Dublin, or when a demand for religious education was made for the new Brooklyn, June 28. After a strenu-Provinces some three years ago. The ous week in the closing exercises of annual speech-making of the brethren St. Ann's parochial school, of which and the animosity displayed upon the he was for many years the principal, latter occasion might make him qua- he went to enjoy the splendid music lify his statement, and prophesy se- that is given free on Sunday afterment is fairly correct, and that must be a cooperation in at work for the welfare of the country. We can be hardly agree with the means by which the gentleman fraws his content in the main correct. He tells us that "lay schools, that is to say, at those without religious instruction, do not exist. The situation of Cart tholicism in Quebec is a most privileged one, almost enjoying legal immunity." A visitor who writes thus could not have passed into One tario at all, and was easily satisfied with what was fold him about Quebec. Bec. Had he proceeded further into "lay schools" where, as in modean of "lay schools" where, as in modean of "lay schools" where, as in modean of "lay schools" where as in modean of the country he would have found "lay schools" where as in modean of the country he would have found "lay schools" where as in modean of the country he would have found the schools where as in modean of the country he would have found the schools where as in modean of the country he would have found lay schools where as in modean of the country he would have found lay schools where as in modean of the would have found lay schools where as in modean of the would have found lay schools where as in modean of the would have found lay schools where as in modean of the would have found lay schools where as in modean of the would have found lay schools where as in modean of the would have found lay schools where as in modean of the would have found lay

done to the individual under these ist tells us that Catholicism in Que is bec almost enjoys "legal immunity." anything approaching legal immunithis is meant freedom If by from taxation we think this privilege is only a slight return for the works on by the religious organizations of -not in Quebec alone, but in every missionaries, organized hierarchy, parochial zeal, religious devotion charitable care of poor, infirm sick-educational institutions-all are to be found centres of spiritual and learning. they may hold it has been offered upon the same altar of self-sacrifice for the glory of God and the good of If they are not taxed the cause. they are so much the freer to devote themselves to their work; they have so much the more to give to ism show to more advantage than in Side by side with Protes tantism, Catholicism shows its spirit of moderation and charity. haps the best and most reliable testhe Province of Quebec rather than

"Catholicism has been reproached in certain countries, notably in South We cannot be indiffer- America, for having lost its efficacious action upon the habits of the population. That reproach cannot be addrest to Canadian Catholicism. If it is, as they say, somewhat behind in theological science, at least it has preserved much moral vigor. The Canadian priests furnish, gener tues, and maintain the population committed to their care at a moral level, incontestably superior to that of the United States. with the Protestant ministers has without doubt, something to do with that result .

> The Maronites have placed a gigan tic statue of Our Lady on the mounour tain of Lebanon, the ate Conception. else- Msgr. Duval, Apostolic Delegate in The cost of the statue,

out the ideas of his predecessor. statue was made in France, and was conveyed to Syria in fifteen pieces. It is made of bronze, and measures some twenty-two feet, and is supis ported on a base measuring seventyone feet. In the base there is a chaexisting in Canada between the Ca- pel, in the crypt of which lie the remains of Msgr. Duval, in accordance Things may not be quite so with a desire which he had express-

> Gentle Brother Casimir, of eighteen years ago, died suddenly in

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There are, perhaps, about 5000

daily papers published every morning all over the world. How many of them are consistently fair and friend-ly to the cause of Catholic truth? Ten per cent? It would probably be a large estimate. How many of them are avowed defenders and pro-moters of the Catholic religion? Five per cent? Perhaps not half

Italy has about fifty important daily papers—only four of them are Catholic in the full sense of the word Cathofic in the full sense of the word Rome itself has a score of daily papers of varying degrees of importance—all but two of them are more or less hostile to the Church. South of Rome there is not a single Catholic daily paper of any importance. The only really popular Catholic daily in the whole of France is the "Croix." It is hardly necessary to point the moral.—Rome. point the moral .-- Rome

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