

LADY OF THE ROSARY. Dear Lady, oft we seek the grace To conquer in this world of strife,-For sin, and wrong, and doubt, so

Have held a place within our life, That we are weak where we should be As soldiers-trusty, strong and brave,

And, so, in confidence, to thee We come, and thy protection crave!

We need a mother in the fight, For life is lone without a friend Whose loyalty unto the right Will inspiration to us lend,-And such a guide we find in thee, In every vexing care and pain; Sweet Lady of the Rosary, We never call on thee in vain!

Dear Lady, watch us day by day; Discouraged oft, and tempest-tost, We struggle on our devious way, And fearful grow lest we be lost. We are thy Son's; we too are thine; O, be our light when shadows fall,-Bring us unto that sphere divine, Where peace and joy have no re-

-Amadeus, O.S.F.

APOSTOLATE OF THE LAYMAN. (Canadian Messenger.)

In the divine economy of salvation through the Church, there are duties assigned exclusively to the clergy, others to the laity, under the direction and at the instigation of the more especially to the laity.

To the first category beyond the preaching and the spiritual direction of souls. To the second and third belong a host of duties and works of charity and zeal, in some of which the initiative should originate from the clergy; in others, in which the initiative should be taken by the laity they must necessarily play the leading part.

greatly, and many burdens are now the largest debt. placed upon the shoulders of the cler- But if the priesthood has suffered by Him in the person of His poor. By

to the energy and zeal of the layman, ity and good works.

the grace of being architect, decora- of heroism for God's Church. nics, raffles, part parties, and socials, of charity and zeal that the layman the world-wide Conferences of St. tracted by contact with persons in that comes from union with God. art would have been prevented.

ments besides, all more or less compatible with the interior life, holy independence, and the sacred functions of the priesthood; while the role of the layman should consist solely in dropping a coin in the collection plate, and submitting occasionally to being victimized at a bazaar. The necessary result of this policy of abstention must be quite evident to all. The works that, in the times of eager lay co-operation, flourished to the great good of religion and to the alleviation of many corporal illa, are rendered hopelessly impossible; they are now abandoned or not even

dreamed of. But that is not all. In this unequal division of labor the priest has naturally suffered greatly. In addition to the exclusive work of his ministry-a work that should occupy his whole time and absorb all his energies,-he is compelled to take up a load of minor duties in the secular sphere which were never intended to be his. And yet he gracefully accepts a situation which has become almost traditional. What is the result? Absorbed by temporal cares, worried by debts, the overburdened pastor cannot find that peace and recollectedness necessary for his holy calling. The spiritual ministry for which he was ordained, and for which he alone is responsible, is too often made subordinate to a material one, and the preaching of God's word necessarily degenerates at times into appeals for tithes or

to meet urgent parish needs. Things have reached such a pass in our times that the one true ideal clergy, and finally others that belong of the priesthood has grown indistinct. Qualities good in themselves, but not necessarily priestly, are givadministration of the Sacraments, en too prominent a role. In summing up the virtues for the ideal shepherd of souls, saintliness is paralleled with shrewdness in business. In the eyes of the purblind the successful pastor is not necessarily the one who most faithfully administers the Sacra- tue; it is by making sacrifices for ments, who is most assiduous in his his faith that he will learn to prize visits to the sick, most instant in this priceless inheritance; it is by prayer, who most earnestly preach- actively doing good to others that In the course of time the concept of es the word of God, but he rather he will acquire that "charity that these respective duties has varied who builds the highest or clears off fulfilleth the law." He will come

pew rent, or for special collections

gy that in the ages of faith were being compelled to assume duties taking an active part in preparing rightly considered incumbent upon more rightly belonging to others, and adorning a sanctuary for the the laity. The Catholic layman of the laity has suffered infinitely more. Most High, he will grow in love and to-day learns with no little surprise that his forefathers in good old Catholic times considered the building grow soft and powerless, and the Church of God upon earth if her Church of God u of churches, of hospitals, of free energy that conscious strength gives actively co-operates in her progress. schools, the decorating of altar and a man, is lacking. And yet while He will grow in zeal when he sees shrines, the distribution of alms, the the reason for this may be known that he has helped in conferring an administration of parish-funds, and to him, he can never hope for better eternity of happiness upon souls that even, in certain places, the determin- things till he developes the physical would have perished but for his efing of the hours at which Mass man by exercise. Similar argu-forts. He will be a loyal Catholic, should be said, and the number of ments hold good in the moral sphere. active in every good work, devoted curates the parish could support, The life of the soul needs exercise heart and soul to his priests, when he were matters which concerned the as much as does the life of the feels that he is an active, useful laity and for which they were re- body; without exercise both decline member of the Church, that in the and die. "Faith without works is scheme of regeneration he has his How efficiently the laity under- dead in itself." The practice of good part to play, and plays it. the records of the Catholic past now men, even though we have no ap-body. To the layman who sees no forts of a servant girl in Lyons.

priests. They first tore down the were madness as well as waste of are doing elsewhere. most inevitable that in the new or- responsibility. If taken rightly, he to be supplied. upon themselves burdens that, in Ca- er; but he asks, not unreasonably, way of apostleship, you who wish to object of our daily prayers, "Thy all its beauty and innocence. tholic ages, had belonged to the lay- that he be required to work for God see God loved by all men? You will Kingdom come." man; and it is not strange that in and the Church according to his ap- pray, you will preach by words and the course of time the layman should titudes. Why is he not serving re- good example; but, if you really love have come to consider it the natural ligion as his Catholic forefathers did, our Lord, you will do still more. thing that all obligations towards and in the same way? In active You will work, and work intelligentthe Church should be met by those works of this kind the layman is at ly. To do good individually is excel- frequently meet in Holy Scripture is imagine that the Sacrament of Holy in the struggles of daily life, which if gone the good work will still go on, devastating and blighting enects of Orders had been instituted to confer rightly directed would perform deeds is best of all. Humble beginnings leprosy on the body.



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place, the clergy found themselves virtue, and is very often unaffected ed mostly among the laity, which new ones, beyond our most sanguine have mercy on us! without churches, without schools, by higher spiritual motives. To spur aim at lessening sin and the effects hopes. while little assistance could be ex- him to action he needs the stimulus of sin in the world. But there is Meanwhile, by prayer and earnest sin is to the soul. Like the leprosy,

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manifest in those wondrous Gothic the exercise. Faith waxes strong in Russian proverb: "The fool goes and leave the rest to Him. You will and did others approach them un-same category). We do not see the cathehrals, imperishable monuments proportion as the soul practices char- through the forest, but sees no fire- get your reward; the measure of in- awares they were obliged to cry out fruit, which is another good thing. A wood." Let him look around and dulgence and love you use towards that they were unclean. So that soul entering heaven sooner through The Protestant Reformation and the Yet not all works prompted by see the physical sufferings, the moral others, God will use towards you. If they were exiled from society, home, us is analogous to the salvation of a revolutions to which it afterwards Faith are equally suited to all. While dangers, the social evils that exist our 600,000 Associates in Canada and all the joys of life to exist in a soul here. gave birth, did more than desecrate virtue is essentially the same, its very often at his own door. Let would take to heart this precept of living death. What a horrible sight those souls our own! It is a delichurches and banish or martyr manifestations differ greatly; and it him see the work his fellow-Catholics charity given us by Christ and so it must have been to be with our clous devotion to give all our indulearnestly repeated by His Vicar, then Lord and see these ten lepers-living gences to the holy souls. It takes ramparts of God's temple, the guilds, time to attempt to lead souls in the To the honor of our holy religion we should behold an awakening of sepulchres that they were—afar off our minds out of ourselves. those corporations and associations world after the fashion of souls living be it proclaimed that actually there Catholic life manifested in a still raising their handless arms in atti- larger hearts in all that concerns of laymen instinct with Catholic life, in the cloister. The layman does not is hardly a need of soul or body closer union of priest and people, in tude of supplication and crying out God. Aim at having a large heart. and with them swept away the whole meditate; he is, as a rule, ircapable that is not somewhere the special the sanctification of the laity, in the with tongues that were nearly de- Get rid of partisanship. fabric of Catholic charity and zeal. of sustained attention in prayer, he object of the lay apostolate. There expansion of existing works of zeal youred and lips that were polluted When the work of rebuilding took has little relish for interior ac's of are thousands of associations recruit- and charity, in the springing up of with the terrible disease, "Jesus,

What leprosy is to the body that pected from a people scattered by per- of some tangible good to be accom- still much to be done. There are endeavor, we may hasten the fuller sin is contracted by contact with sin-1 Dr. Zedler, the public librarian of Christ," which is but a paraphrase becomes defiled. Once the poison of Guttenberg's labors, in which he

tress of her own energies. She not a Bible, but a missal. The various members of the sense of the awful judgments of God. ed and encouraged them with

lips only that can say to you "Be thou clean." Like the lepers in the ter, have mercy on us!" He will into the carriage." listen to your cry, and going, showing yourselves to the priests in the tribunal of penance, the leprosy will be healed, its foulness washed away, and you will be restored to spiritual

THE HEROIC ACT.

It would be well to make the heroic act for the souls in purgatory, involving heroic generosity, says Father Morris, S.J. It should not be done in a hurry. We get by it a higher place in heaven. We exchange the temporal for the eternal. One act of generosity may bring us to another, and that again to a third, and so a habit of heroic virtue may be produced in us. Why should heroism be for others, not for me? Why should we not be heroes? Would you not rather stop in purgatory until the Judgment Day, if so you could get one degree higher in heaven, nearer to God for eternity, a clearer sight of God. a deeper love of God? What we are here for is to gain a greater knowledge of God, a greater nearness to God in our future life. It does

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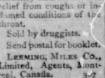
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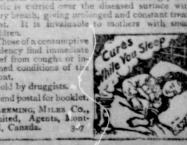
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> "Did you hear that the daughter of Gospel, as you come into the pres- that rich man in the next street had ence of our Lord in the Church cry been driven from home?" "No! When out to Him from afar, "Jesus, Mas- did it happen?" "Just after she got



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