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FIVE-MINUTE SERMON

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE NECESSITY OF CONFESSION

What a grand message of mercy and consolation! Go show yourselves to the priests, you who are afflicted with the leprosy of the soul, with mortal sin! Show yourselves, namely, show to the priest the true condition of your soul, by a sincere and sorrowful confession of

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In the Old Testament we find a demand for the confession of sin. When Cain slew his brother Abel, God said to him: "Where is thy brother Abel? What hast thou done?" (Gen. iv. 9, 10). Why did God ask, when in His omniscience He knew all that had happened? Because He wanted Cain to acknowledge his crime, so that he might obtain forgiveness. Again, we read that God said through Moses: "When a man or woman shall have committed any of all the sins that men are wont to commit, and by negligence shall have commit, and by negligence shall have transgressed the commandment of the Lord, and offended, they shall confess their sin "(Numbers v, 6, 7). In the New Testament we learn that all who were baptized by John were required to confess their sins. This again was a type of the sacrament of penance, in which the sinner may obtain forgiveness and remission of sin by a sincere confession. Christ instituted this great sacrament when He said to His apostles: "Receive ye the Holy Ghost. Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained "John xx, 23). It is therefore the duty of the sinner to give a complete account of the sins he has committed, because the apostless and their successors, to whom was given the power to remit or retain if they did not fully know the condition of the sinner's soul, i. e., if not made acquainted with the sins committed. It is therefore well understood that it is necessary to make an honest and complete confession in order to receive forgiveness of sin. And that this was always so, we find in the words of St. John: "If we confess our sins, and to cleanse us from all iniquity" (I John i, 9). St. Luke also commit, and by negligence shall have transgressed the commandment of the

sion: "And many of them that be-lieved, came confessing and declaring their deeds" (Acts xix, 18.) We believe, then, my dear Christians, that to obtain forgiveness of sins it is necessary to confess them, but they must be confessed with sorrow; the sin-ner must detest his sins because he has angered and offended Almighty God, because He has deserved God's punish-ment, and he must moreover resolve to avoid sin thereafter. Only after con-fessing them in this way are sins for given. God did not only say through the prophet Ezechiel: "Do penance for all your sins," but also "Cast away from you all your transgressions. by must be confessed with sorrow; the sintrine of divine revelation.

It is prophet Ezechiel: "Do penance for all your sins," but also "Cast away from you all your transgressions, by which you have transgressed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit" (Ezech. xviii, 31). This hatred for sin, and the firm purpose of amendment are essentially necessary to obtain forgiveness. We have an example of this in King Saul. When the prophet Samuel reproached him for his sins Saul said: "I have sinned because I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord, and thy words, fearing the people, and obeying their voice. But now bear, I beseech thee, my sin, and return with me that I may adore the Lord" (I Kings xv. 24, 25), nevertheless, Saul did not obtain forgiveness because he did not repent his sins out of love for God, but rather for fear of losing his wealth and position: nor had he a firm purpose of amendment.

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ment invalidly.

My dear Christians! When going to confession examine your conscience, make a contrite and upright acknowledgment and resolve to amend your life. Then you are sure of receiving all the plentiful graces bestowed by this great sacrament. Exclaim with King David: "Create a clean heart in me, O God: and renew a right spirit within my bowels" (Psalm 1, 12). Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Catholic teaching in respect of prayers for the dead is bound inseparably, says Dr. Toner of Maynoch in the Catholic Encyclopedia, with the doctrine of purgatory, and is in keeping with the teaching of the Council of Trent, namely, that "purgatory exists, and that the souls detained therein are helped by the suffrages of the faithful, but especially by the acceptable sacrifice of the altar."

The Council of Florence in 1439 also declared: "We define likewise that if the truly penitent die in the love of God, before they have made satisfaction by worthy fruits of penance for their sins of commission and omission, their souls are purfied by purgatorial pains after death; and that for relief for those pains they are benefited by the suffrages of the faithful in this life, that is by Masses, prayers and alsagiving, and by the other offices of piety usually performed by the faithful for one another according to the practice of the Church."

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Of very few can it be hoped that they Of very few can it be hoped that they have attained perfect holiness at death; and none but the perfectly holy are admitted to the vision of God. Of few, on the other hand, will they at least who love them admit the despairing thought that they are beyond the pale of grace and mercy and condemned to eternal separation from God, and from all hope to be with God. On this ground along it has been truly said that



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No rational difficulty can be urged against the Catholic doctrine of prayers for the dead; on the contrary, as we have seen, the rational presumption in its favor is strong enough to induce be-lief in it on the part of many whose rule of faith does not allow them to prove with entire certainty that it is a doctrine of divine revelation.

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words of the prophet find their fulfillment: "From the rising of the sun even to the going down, My name is great among the Gentiles, and in every place there is sacrifice, and there is offered to My name a clean oblation: for My name is great among the Gentiles, saith the Lord of hosts." (Malach, i, 2.)

After the Blessed Saviour had changed bread and wine into His flesh and blood at the Last Supper He added the precious words: "Do this in commemoration of Me." With these words Christ gave to His Apostles and to their successors in the priesthood the power of renewing what He had just completed. Then every Catholic priest, when celebrating Mass, takes bread and blesses it and says: "This is My Body," and immediately the whole sudstance of the bread is ctanged into the body of Christ, so that after the consecration there is no larger bread on the altar, but Jesus is changed into the body of Christ, so that after the consecration there is no longer bread on the altar, but Jesus Christ, the Son of God and of Mary Immaculate. You hear nothing but the sound of a tinkling bell, you see nothing but an uplifted Host and the gleam of a chalice:

And trembles around a chalice, And the priest bows down his head."

Yes, the priest sinks on his knee and the faithful strike their breasts and adore, because their Lord and Saviour, the Lamb of God, is present, though hidden under the sacramental veil. On hidden under the sacramental veil. On Calvary He redeemed the world by His death on the cross. In the Mass, the same Divine Blood is poured out again; the death of Christ is repeated in a mys-terious and unbloody manner. The Mass is the memorial and renewal of the sac-rifice on Calvary, the effects of which, in soite of the difference in time and place. spite of the difference in time and place, reach us and all His followers.

For fifteen hundred years no Christian doubted the reality and necessity of the adorable sacrifice of the Mass. There were religious quarrels and controver sies, but all, even heretics and schismatics, held to the doctrine of the Mass. Martin Luther believed in it and said Mass, even after being expelled from the Church of his fathers. Henry VIII. believed in it, and in his last will left money for Masses to be said for his soul. It took years and physical force to steal the Mass from the people of England and Protestant Germany. The Mass is the center of Christian life and devotion. sies, but all, even heretics and schis

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"Where there is no Mass there is no Christianity." (Faber.) Call your church a meeting house, but do not call it the house of God. It may be a gorgeous pile, raised in Catholic times; the glory of the Lord has departed from it. On its altars there is no longer sacrifice. Death and silence dwell under its lofty vaults. The Mass is the best test of true worship. A Church without Mass is not the Church of God.—Bishop Stangs.

GREATEST OF ALL

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There can be no gainsaying the statement that Christ is the greatest and most successful teacherthe world has ever seen. His success has not been by any means complete; but this is not due to any deficiency in His principals or vagueness in His outlook upon life, but to the defection of His followers, or their half-hearted adoption of the fundamental maxims He had laid down for our guidance.

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The office of carrying on the social requestive at great inconvenience, and the sacrifice of feet on the sacrifice are returning from Mass. And this sacrifice are returning from Mass. And this same anxiety is manifested by Christ fell by Divine appointment to the Church; and from the carliest times even during the earliest times even during the earliest times even during the earliest time merely a social power—it is the creator of all that is best in society, of its forms, its ideals, its language, its traditions, its name. - Msgr. Parkinson, D. D.

> THE DANGERS OF COMPANY KEEPING

and the teeth thereof are the teeth of a lone, killing the souls of men." (Ecclus xxi. 23)

You have heard the words of the Holy Scriptures, dictated by the Spirit of God: "Flee from sins." A traveller starts back in alarm at the sight of a snake lying in his path, darting its forked tongue at him with an ominous hiss. He is yet more affrighted at the sight of a lion, standing in the way before him, showing a formidable array of glistening teeth. If possible he takes to fight. Sin is a greater danger than a snake or a lion; they can kill the body only, but sin kills the soul, man's noblest possession. Wherefore flee from sins. I do not hesitate to say that more danger of sin comes from illuit company-keeping than from any other source. For this reason I wish to give you an earnest warning on this subject.

The dangers of such intimacies may be judged from their results. The first of these is disquietute of mind. Peace and tranquility abandon the heart of one who gives free reins to sensual inclinations. There is a feeling of unrest which precedes an and ought to serve you as a warning of the proximity of sin. These are the cares of the world of which our Lord spoke.

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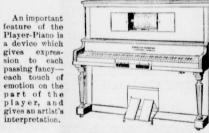
de Sales: "Love-affairs of this nature give rise to all manner of temptations and distractions; they evoke jealous suspicions and much else that is inimical to peace of mind, so that the heart is completely wrecked and shattered by them." St Alphonsus writes in a similar manner of them: "I speak advisedly when I say that as a general rule, those who form these amorous friendships can rarely avoid the proximate occasion of sin. Experience also proves that the greater number are led into mortal sin. If they do not fall at the outset, they do so as time goes on. The intimacy commences with a mutual attraction. Then love becomes a passion, and when the passion takes a firm hold on the heart, it leads to a thousand sins, impure thoughts, unseemly words and actions."

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