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## CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

"BE A GOOD BOY; GOOD-BYE !" How oft in my dreams I go back to

the day When I stood at our old wooden gate, And started to school in full battle

array, Well armed with a primer, and slate;

And as the latch fell I thought myself free, And gloried, I fear, on the sly, Till I heard a kind voice that whisper-

ed to me ;

" Be a good boy ; good-bye."

"Be a good boy ; good-bye." It seems They have followed me all these They years ;

They have given a form to my youthful dreams, And they scattered my foolish fears.

They have stayed my feet on many a brink,

Unseen by a blinded eye : For just in time I would pause and

think ; " Be a good boy ; good bye."

Oh brother of mine, in the battle of

life. Just starting or nearing its close This motto aloft in the midst of the

strife Will conquer wherever it goes, Mistakes you will make, for each of

us errs, But brother, just honestly try accomplish your best. In what-

ever occurs, 'Be a good boy ; good-bye."

### THE EASTER MESSAGE

gressions

The angel, to calm her,

her virginal purity.

THE EASTER MESSAGE Easter speaks to young men in trumpet tones, calling them to arise from the service to the body to ser-vice to the soul vice to the soul.

It was when He was lifted up on the Cross, in suffering, that Christ drew all hearts to Him.

drew all hearts to Him. It is when a young man, having certain rules or commandments as fright on the occasion was his adhis fixed principles, refuses to degrade dressing her in words of praise. himself, resists the inclinations of Mary, guarded by her modesty, is the flesh, avoids the occasions of in confusion at expressions of this sin, shuns the company of those who weakly yield to temptation, exhausts his superfluous strength by tiresome commendations make her cautious exercise, by short sleep, and by abstemiousness, that he stands erect before God and men, pure-minded, clear-eyed, continent, alert, trust-says St. Luke, " what manner of salworthy, noble, and robust in forti-

Get married, young man, and be restrained in marriage. Get married as soon as you are fit and free to wed, can support a wife, and have "Fear not, Mi bure as you want her to come to you. Keep away from the vicious. Take no liberties. Sin leaves sad and shameful memories. They cannot be obliterated or forgotten, but remark found your mate. But before maruntil the end of life

Be cheerful, friendly, chivalrous, generous, considerate and companionable, but live in the presence of God, your patron saint, and your guardian angel, and do nothing to make them ashamed of you. — Catholic Columbian.

## GOOD RULES

Learn how to forget disagreeable things.

Keep your nerves well in hand and inflict them on no one.

Master the art of saying pleasant things.

Do not expect too much from your friends. Make whatever work that comes to ence !

you congenial work.

Restrain your illusions, and do not believe all the world wicked and unkind.

Relieve the miserable and sympathize with the sorrowful.

very young to the care of St. Greg-Do not waste your vitality i ous and energetic talking, especially gossip.

### OUR BOYS AND GIRLS his arrival the emperor's chamber-SHORT SKETCH OF LIVES OF SAINTS OF THE WEEK MARCH 25.-THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This great festival takes its name

and the emperor, with some emo-tion, asked him why he had made Job's hope is the hope of every Chris from the happy tidings brought by the angel Gabriel to the Blessed Virgin, concerning the Incarnation of the Son of God. It commemorates most profound respect for his Majesty, yet God was infinitely above the most important embassy that was ever known; an embassy that by the King of kings, performed by him; that whilst we are occupied one of the chief princes of His heavenly court; directed, not to the great ones of this earth, but to a with Him, it is our duty to forget everything else. This answer made founded. such an impression on the emperor that he dismissed him with honor poor, unknown virgin, who, being endowed with the most angelic purity of soul and body, being withal per-fectly humble and devoted to God, was greater in His eyes than the mightiest monarch in the world. When the Son of God became man, He could have the monarch in the world. life, which was Passion Sunday, on which day he preached very early in He could have taken upon Him our nature without the co-operation of any creature; but He was pleased to the morning, said Mass towards 9, and preached again before night, foretelling to those that were about be born of a woman. In the choice of her whom He raised to this most him that he should die the following sublime of all dignities. He pitched upon the one who by the riches of His grace and virtues, was of all night, and fixing upon a place in his monastery of Werden where he chose others the most holy and the most perfect. The design of this embassy to be interred. He died accordingly on the 26th of March, at midnight. of the archangel is to give a Saviour

MARCH 27.-ST. JOHN OF EGYPT to the world, a victim of propitiation to the sinner, a model to the just, a Till he was twenty five, John worked as a carpenter with his father. Then feeling a call from God he left the world and committed son to this Virgin, remaining still a virgin, and a new nature to the Son of God, the nature of man, capable of suffering pain and anguish in order to satisfy God's justice for our transhimself to a holy solitary in the desert. His master tried his spirit by many unreasonable commands bidding him roll the hard rocks, tend When the angel appeared to Mary

dead trees, and the like. John obeyed in all things with the sim-plicity of a child. After a careful training of sixteen years he withdrew to the top of a steep cliff to think only of God and his soul. The with the blessed spirits had been more he knew of himself, the more he distrusted himself. For the last fifty years, therefore, he never saw women and seldom men. The result of this vigilance and purity was threefold: a holy joy and cheerful-ness which consoled all who conversed with him; perfect obedience to superiors; and in return for this authority over creatures, whom he had forsaken for the Creator. St. Augustine tells us of his appearing in a vision to a holy woman. whose sight he had restored, to avoid seeing her face to face. Devils assailed utation this should be." Ah, what numbers of innocent souls have been him continually, but John never ceased his prayer. From his long communings with God, he turned to corrupted for want of using the like men with gifts of healing and proph Savs "Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found favor before God." He then informs Twice each week ecy. he spoke

through a window with those who came to him, blessing oil for their sick and predicting things to come. A deacon came to him in disguise, and he reverently kissed his hand. To the Emperor Theodosius he fore-told his future victories and the time of his death. The three last days of just concern to know how she may comply with the will of God without his life John gave wholly to God the third he was found on his knees prejudice to her vow of virginity, inquires, "How shall this be?" Nor as if in prayer, but his soul was with the blessed. He died A. D. 394. does she give her consent till the

heavenly messenger acquaints her that it is to be a work of the Holy Ghost, Who, in making her fruitful, will not intrench in the least upon THE PASCHAL MESSAGE The Feast of Easter is the solemn

In submission, therefore, to God's will, without any further inquiries, anniversary of the greatest day in the history of the human race, pre-eminently "the day that the Lord she expresses her assent in those humble but powerful words: "Be-hold the handmaid of the Lord: be eminently "the day that the Lord hath made," the day of days, a day certainly on which to rejoice and be it done to me according to Thy word." What faith and confidence glad. Other days were steps in the development of God's bounty to man, does her answer express ! what pro found humility and perfect obedi but of none of them does the Church say, in the words of the Psalmist, "This is the day that the Lord hath MARCH 26.-ST. LUDGER, BISHOP

made.' This title is reserved for St. Ludger was born in Friesland Easter alone, for the Resurrection is about the year 743. His father, a nobleman of the first rank, at the child's own request, committed him would have left room for doubt.

# THE CATHOLIC RECORD

sooner perhaps than we expect, like In brought him word that his Christ, we shall rise again. "I attendance was required. The Saint, being then at his prayers, told as soon as he had finished them. He was sent for several times before he in my flesh I shall see my God, was ready, which the courtiers repre-sented as a contempt of his Majesty, eyes behold, and not another : this

him wait so long, though he had tian. "Behold," says St. Paul, "I sent for him so often. The bishop answered that though he had the indeed rise again. . . . Thanks be to God, who has given us th tory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Each Easter the Church is reassured by the Apostle that its hope is well founded. "If the dead rise not again, neither is Christ risen again. But now Christ is risen from

and disgraced his accusers. St. Ludger was favored with the gifts of miracles and prophecy. His last made alive." Let unbelievers say sickness, though violent, did not hinder him from continuing his functions to the very last day of his mansion in Our Father's house, we know we shall see God face to face.

not

doubt.

As our hope, so also our faith is built upon Christ's Resurrection. We are not like children, tossed about by every wind of doctrine; our belief is as strong as the rock, it is a reasonable faith, founded on a sign that cannot be gainsaid, that has not been contradicted. No one denies that if Christ be risen from the dead, our faith is not vain. Now Christ has risen from the dead, and by His Resurrection He has given us a supremely convincing and indubit-able sign that He is the Way, the tears.' the Truth and the Life, that the Father has approved of His words and works, in short that He Himself is

Divine. Other signs might perhaps have been doubted, but the Resurrection excludes the possibility of Over His manger the Angels san

of Him, " Glory to God in the highest ; out of the cloud on Mt. Thabou the mysterious Voice proclaimed Him for what He is, "This is my be-Voice proclaimed loved Son in whom I am well pleased ;" St. Peter, inspired not by Tesh and blood but by the Father in Heaven, declared, "Thou art Christ, the Son of the living God ;" sickness and death, the winds and the waves, the very demons did His bidding and acknowledged Him their Lord and Master; the elements of nature, light and darkness, the earth, the rocks, the graves with their dead, even the yeil of the Temple admitted the truth of His Godhead : He Him. self said He was God, that He came down from heaven, that He existed from eternity, that He was consub-stantial with the Father, and in evidence of the truth of His words. He spoke in prophecy, worked miracles, and lived an absolutely perfect life.

But His own people were obdur-ate, they would not see, they refused to believe, they still asked for a sign They challenged Him for further credentials. "What sign dost thou show unto us, seeing thou dost these things?" Jesus accepted their chal-lenge. "Destroy this temple," He He lenge. Descroy this temple, he said, "and in three days I will raise it up." They asked for a sign. He told them to look for the Resurrec-tion. St. John says explicitly that

He spoke of the temple of His body Nor were the Jews in doubt His meaning. They accepted Christ's gage, they realized that the Resurtion was to be the final test of His Divinity and the final proof of His

Easter Sunday dawned, and in spite of their precautions Christ rose from the dead as He had promised. For forty days He dwelt on earth, and He who had been undeniably dead, gave visible and palpable proof that He had undeniably come to life. So clear was the evidence of His Resurrection that St. Peter threw it into the very teeth of His enemies and they, not being able to disprove would have left room for doubt, But the Resurrection following the Passion and bid them be silent. Later St. Trinity. Leave Paris and traverse Paul saw Christ, and the annarition



SEVEN



Be neither self-conceited nor family

Avoid excess. Be temperate in all things.

Do not forget that kind words and a smile cost nothing, but are priceless treasures to the discouraged.

Never let yourself moan over the past nor worry about the future, but several years in preaching the word make the best of the present and of God in Friesland, where he con-

Do unto others as you would be done by ; and when old age comes to you, and there is a halo of white here about your head, you will be loved and considered.—The Tablet.

#### MANNERS AT HOME

Home is the place where a man should appear at his best. He who is bearish at home and polite only abroad is no true gentleman; indeed, he who cannot be considerate to those of his own household will never be really courteous to strangers. There is no better training for healthy and pleasant intercourse with the outer world than a bright and cheerful demeanor at home. It is in a man's home that his real character is seen; as he appears there, so he is really elsewhere, however skillfully he may for the time conceal his true nature.

It would go to promote happiness in the home if all the members were as courteous to one another as they are to guests. The visitor receives bright smiles, pleasant greetings, while to our own we are often cross rude, selfish, nagging and fault-find ing. Are not our very own as worthy of our love, kindness and gentleness as the stranger.—True Voice.

Passion gives perfect surety and per-fect confidence. It is the source of ory, the disciple of St. Boniface, and his successor in the government of the see of Utrecht. Gregory educa-ted him in his monastery and gave Christian joy, it is the ground of Christian hope, it is the foundation of Christian faith. Be neither self-concerted nor tanta, centered, but have a few fresh out-side interests to keep you alert and there bigs of further improvement, passed over into England, and spent Easter is a day of joy. Over every other event in the life of the Saviour, the Cross cast its shadow, but Easter stands out in the unclouded sunfour years and a half under Alcuin, who was rector of a famous school at York. In 778 he returned home, shine of the beatific, risen life. and St. Gregory dying in 776, his successor, Alberic, compelled our Saint to receive the holy order of priesthood, and employed him for several years in preaching the word Christ dies no more. He has con-quered death. His Passion is over.

Through endless ages He is assured of flawless life. Therefore it is that the Church, His Spouse, cannot but rejoice. What if her lot be the por tion of suffering; He whom she

loves is in glory. But Christ's happiness is not for Himself alone. It overflows from aging the country, Ludger travelled Himself alone. It overflows from to Rome to consult Pope Adrian II. what course to take, and what he thought God required of him. He then retired for three years and a half to Monte Casino, where he wore then retired for three years and a

We can now look up to God's throne and ask for His love. Though our sins be as scarlet, we have no cause the habit of the Order, and con-formed to the practice of the rule during his stay, but made no relig-ious vows. In 787, Charlemagne overcame the Saxons and conquered for despair. We have been restored, we have been given our ancient, yea Friesland and the coast of the Ger-manic Ocean as far as Denmark. a higher place in the affection of God. Adam was an adopted son; Ludger, hearing this, returned into we are the brethren of Jesus Christ. East Friesland, where he converted the Saxons to the faith, as he also Adam was the heir to heaven; we are co-heirs with the Eternal Word. did the province of Westphalia. He Adam was the image and likeness of founded the monastery of Werden, twenty nine miles from Cologne. In God ; we are members of the mys-tical Body of the Saviour. Our mo-802, Hildebald, Archbishop of Col-ogne, not regarding his strenuous resistance, ordained him Bishop In one way we have gained more

of Munster. He joined in his dio-cese five cantons of Friesland which

duchy of Brunswick. Being accused to the Emperor Charlemagne of wasting his income and neglecting the embellishment of churches, this prince ordered him to appear at court. The morning after

changed him from a bitter persecu-tor into the most enthusiastic preacher of the Resurrection. Nor did he ask for credence merely on

the strength of his word, he told the and vespers, but all day long." the strength of his word, he told the Corinthians that on one occasion alone 500 persons had seen the risen Christ. Many of them, he added, "were still alive. Therefore they could be questioned about the miracle. Indeed no fact in ancient his-tory is better authenticated than the Resurrection. For the Apostles saw Christ frequently and in many places, and conversed and ate with Him after He rose from the dead, and

they testified to the fact in the very face of death. The Evangelists all record it with most circumstantial

detail. Two of them, St. Matthew and St. John, were certainly eye-witnesses; St. Mark was probably

witnesses; St. Mark was probably such; St. Luke, if he was not one of the disciples to whom Christ ap-peared on the road to Emmaus, undoubtedly heard of the Resurrection from Our Lady. Christians who learned of the wonder from the Apostles died by thousands to testify their belief in it. The tidings of the Resurrection made count-less converts from paganism to Catholicism. And since the civilized world became Christian, hundreds and hundreds of millions have lived

and are living by their faith in it. Only by stultifying all belief in human testimony can the Resurrec-tion bid denied to be a fact. Had Christ not risen, the Apostles

be had converted, and also founded the monastery of Helmstad in the duchy of Brunswick. Being accused to the Emperor Charlemanners of the the terror of dring it alls the terror of dring it all the terror of dring it a would have pointed the finger of scorn at the ultimate failure of Jesus, and the Church would have

France. Visit Chartres and see the forest of candles aflame before the altar Pro-Patria. Watch the crowds of worshippers everywhere-crowds the live-long day, not alone for Mass ex-Congressman Murdock went and saw these things and could not but believe them.

Robert Dunne, an American correspondent with the Austrian army, saw the soldiers at a Communion service before being sent under fire. He told me that the effect upon the men was terrific ; that after the sermon they kicked their toes into the frozen ground. Dunne has written of it in after 30 and cases are often controlled day. Won't you try it at our expense 7 Dr. Van Vleck Co. Dept. Px12, Jacks Dr. Van Vleck Co. Send today. this way :

Even as the priest arranged his vestments in a little pineboard hut with a Christmas tree stuck over it, shot and shell began to wail and whiffle overhead.

Down the slopes came the soldiers and massed before a bench, covered with a coarse towel. Beyond the priest in his golden vestment, a red and blue-clad dragoon stuck his sword into the soil and hung his belmet on it. The service began. Rank after rank, the men knelt languidly, laboredly; and when they arose after the monotones and changing keys of chanted response, they hunched up their knapsacks and kicked their freezing toes into the hard soil . . . The priest began his sermon. "'Dear war comardes,' I caught,

after he had hung a spruce leaf upon the Christmas tree, continuing with phrases like 'Death and the battle. and so on.' The pith of it was that while soldiers in the field wanted letters from home above everything, he was there today to give them the greatest letter of all, one from God, the Bible."-E. L. Fox, in Christain

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