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RELIGIOUS INCIDENT ON THE ICEFLOE

It is customary with our Roman Catholic friends when commencing their prayers to devoutly make the sign of the cross on their foreheads This practice occurred to the unfortunate victim Michael Morey when nearing his last moments but he was deprived of doing so owing to his right arm having become either paralyzed or frozen. He asked his faithful companion, Pat Hearn, to assist him in raising his now dead arm in making the sign of the cross. This being done poor Morey devoutly recited aloud an act of contrition asking the Almighty to have mercy on his soul

Scarcely were the words cold on his lips when the spirit fled and the his tips when the spirit fied and the half frozen form dropped back dead. Here is an instance of the mortal having full belief in his Creator. From his mother's knee he had been taught his prayers and the use and meaning of the sign of the cross. Years ago the mother entered her rest, but who will say that her eye was not looking on scene on the wild and trackless icefloe.—St. John's (Nfld.) Daily Mail

RESPECT FOR THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

A very beautiful illustration of love and veneration for the Blessed Sacrament is given in the biography of the late Bishop Curtis, of Wil-mington, Delaware. After the Bishop had voluntarily retired from the administration of the See—owing to his broken health and advancing years—he became, again, a member of Cardinal Gibbons' household. of Cardinal Gibbons industrible Selecting a room just under the roof, the Bishop spent there a part of his leisure hours reading, writing, studying and praying. But to visit the Blessed Sacrament was the dearest of all his occupations. Often he rose during the night, crossed the yard that separated the house from the cathedral, and entering the sanctucatnedral, and entering the sanctu-ary remained there for hours. One bitterly cold night when freezing aleet made walking difficult, the Bishop crawled on hands and knees along the icy path. Being asked how he passed the time in the sanct-

how he passed the time in the sanct-uary, he replied simply:

"Oh, I just stay there like a dog at the feet of my Master."

The humility of this lover of the Blessed Sacrament made him willing to fill the lowliest place. What mattered if he could only be in the Presence! His heart and soul were satisfied.

satisfied. How much many of us need even a small part of the holy prelate's love and respect for his hidden Lord! And what scandal is given by those, who, believing in the Real Presence, yet dare to talk and laugh before the altar, and even during the sacrifice of the Mass. It is no unusual thing in a city church to hear young men whispering, or girls carrying on an animated conversation at the most solemn parts of the Mass. Such Catholics can have no true appreciation of their great privileges, and surely they can have but little respect or

love for the Blessed Sacrament. The harm they do is incalculable, for apart from the sin they commit, their bad example may be the means of keeping a non-Catholic friend or neighbor out of the Church. It is a common occurrence for an earnest Protestant, or a merely curious one, to attend service in a Catholic church, and if he or she happens to be near the chatterer or giggler, what im-pression does the Protestant carry away? Not a vivid memory of the many devout, you may be sure. The irreverent, feather brained, and man-nerless individual is the figure in the

foreground.
"The Blessed Sacrament is on the Altar," said a zealous convert to a group of women who were whispergroup of women who were whispering and laughing as they moved towards the door. "Thank you for
telling us what we know already,"
retorted one of the group sharply.
The convert replied with quiet dignity: "I did not suppose you realized

Let us strive always to realize where we are when we come before the Blessed Sacrament, offering to It the tribute of our respect and love.—Sacred Heart Review.

RELIGIOUS CEREMONY AT MT. ST. JOSEPH

On Monday, April 13th, in the chapel of Mt. St. Joseph, the Easter anthems took on an additional note of joyousness when six young ladies received the habit of the order and five novices made their religious vows. The chapel was filled with relatives of the postulants and novice and other friends of the institution We regret being unable to give in we regret being unable to give in full the beautiful sermon preached by Rev. Father O'Reilly, C. SS. R., on these words of our Lord: "He that shall keep his life shall lose it, but he that shall lose his life for My

sake shall find it." His Lordship Right Rev. Bishop Fallon celebrated the Mass, assisted at the altar by Rev. Fathers McKeon and Hanlon. Several other priests

are in the sanctuary. The novices who made their vows The novices who made their vows are: Sister Mary St. Basil, Sister Mary St. Gregory, Sister Mary Dorothy, Sister Mary Audry and Sister Mary Milred. The young ladies who were clothed with the habit of the order ware Miss Sade Samis in the order were Miss Sade, Sarnia, in religion Sister Mary Florence; Miss Weiss, Renfrew, Sister Mary Casimir; Miss Murray, Hamilton, Sister Mary Alonzo; Miss Traynor, Owen FINANCE
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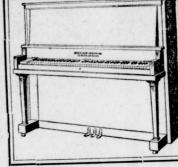
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