

THE HOLY GHOST

An able exposition of Doctrine by
Rev. Father Drummond, S.J.

The feast of Pentecost, commemorating the descent of the Holy Ghost upon the apostles, was celebrated in Roman Catholic Churches yesterday, and the special sermon of the festival at St. Mary's was preached last evening by Rev. Father Drummond, S.J. The speaker chose his text from St. John: "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." "We celebrate to-day," said the speaker in opening, "the birth of the Church, the great feast of Pentecost when the Holy Ghost came down and filled them with His Spirit, so that they began to prophesy and speak in divers tongues. It was the anniversary of the promulgation of the law on Mount Sinai, and Jews had come from all parts of the world, yet all these who heard the apostles said, 'We understand each one in our own tongue.' That was the beginning of the gift of tongues, which has been renewed occasionally in the lives of the saints, in the case of St. Francis Xavier, for instance. We see how fruitful was the gift of the Holy Ghost on that first Pentecost Sunday in the fact that 3,000 were converted on that day. It is true, no doubt that it is the life of Christ, especially His passion and death, that has transformed the world, yet the understanding of the truth of all this and its heavenly import emanated largely from the preaching of the apostles after they had been filled with the Holy Ghost."

Turning to an exposition of the doctrine of the Holy Ghost, Father Drummond said: "What electricity is to our material life at present, that the Holy Ghost is to the spiritual life—the great motive-power, the wonder worker; and as in the case of electricity, so in the case of the Holy Ghost, definition is almost impossible. When the Holy Ghost comes into the soul He does not come alone, because he is one of Three inseparable Persons, the distinction between one another being found only in their interior life. Though whenever they act outwardly they act together, theologians have a term 'appropriation,' which means that certain outward acts are appropriated to one of the Divine Persons, the creation of the world to the Father, the redemption to the Son and the sanctification of the world to the Holy Ghost."

The indwelling of the Holy Ghost in the soul was a particular function, appropriated to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, and the remainder of the discourse was devoted largely to a definition of the theological distinction between a gift of grace and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.
—Winnipeg Tribune, June 12.

FIRST COMMUNION AT
KEEWATIN

On Sunday, June 4, a happy little band of twenty-three—thirteen boys and ten girls—after a three days' Retreat preached by their loving and zealous Pastor, the Revd. Father Dumoulin, had the long desired and blissful happiness of receiving our dear Lord for the first time into their pure, innocent hearts.

The Mass for the First Communicants was celebrated at eight o'clock by the Reverend Pastor, who in his sermon exhorted the children by his burning words to prepare by acts of love, faith, contrition, etc., to receive their Lord and Creator. His sermon was so impressive that, doubtless, there were many in that congregation whose faith was waxing cold and who felt themselves all inflamed anew with the old faith and good resolves of their first Communion day, standing like a pillar of light in the shadows of the past. Many of the happy children's parents communicated on that morning.

After the Thanksgiving the little Communicants went home to breakfast. At ten o'clock they returned to the church to assist at the High Mass which was celebrated by the Rev. Father Kalmes, O.M.I., Principal of the Indian School, Kenora, who came to help the Revd. Father Dumoulin, on this happy occasion. The sermon preached by Rev. Father Kalmes was based on the necessity of prayer for perseverance in the good resolves and fervent dispositions of the First Communion Day.

After the High Mass a photographer took the photo of the First Communicants. The weather, which had been rather threatening in the morning, was

by this time fine and suitable for the success of the photos.

At 3.30 in the afternoon another very impressive ceremony took place, namely, the renewal of the baptismal vows. An eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Dumoulin in which he very vividly described the two standards, that of Jesus Christ with its mottoes, 'mortification, sufferings, humiliations,' etc. leading up a narrow, rocky road to the gate of eternal bliss; and that of Satan with its mottoes, 'pleasure, wealth, luxury, etc.' leading to a broad, flowery road at the end of which lurked a bottomless abyss. After the sermon in which the Father explained the vows made for us at baptism by our sponsors, one by one the Communicants passed into the Sanctuary and there, with lighted candle in one hand and the other on the Book of the Gospels each pronounced slowly and solemnly their baptismal vows.

Then the Reverend Father spoke a few words about our Blessed Lady, our Heavenly Pleader and Benefactress. He exhorted the children to preserve always a firm and solid devotion to the Blessed Virgin, to whose maternal care and protection he confided them. This was followed by the vesting of the Communicants in the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and the consecration of them to the Blessed Virgin.

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, during which the "Te Deum" was sung, closed these never-to-be-forgotten ceremonies, which recalled to many in that congregation the day of their First Communion when they, too, had the same happiness and made the same promises, promises in many cases ruthlessly broken but now renewed again with more fervent determination.

During these services the church was crowded by the over-joyed parents whose love and labour and many sacrifices were rewarded at last by the First Communion of their children.

Many, too, were the feelings of love and gratitude to their beloved Pastor, the Rev. Father Dumoulin, who since his arrival in Keewatin has done wonders; first of all, the training and religious education of the children, the interests of the Church and school, and lastly, the care and arrangement of the hitherto neglected cemetery, which he has made a fit resting place for our dear dead.

Father Dumoulin's love for Our Lady was gladdened during May by the gift of a beautiful statue of the Immaculate Conception, four feet high. The appearance of the statue was a perfect surprise to the Reverend Pastor, the more so as the gift was anonymous. May God bless the generous donor, whose statue, we hope, will be the source of numerous and special graces for the Parish of Keewatin, for at its feet many will come to ask the Virgin-Mother to obtain from God for them help, light and consolation in all the troubles and difficulties of life!

EYE-WITNESS

ADDRESS PRESENTED SUNDAY
JUNE 4, AT THE CHURCH OF
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

To His Grace
The Most Reverend L. P. A.
Langevin, O.M.I., Archbishop
of St. Boniface.

May it please your Grace,
We read in the Gospel that when Our dear Lord passed through the cities, towns and villages of Galilee, multitudes of people hastened after him to listen to his heavenly teaching and to receive his divine blessing; but we find that parents and their children were particularly welcome, as the Saviour had a more tender love for the little ones.

Before ascending into heaven, this Divine Master committed his heavenly power to his Apostles and commissioned them to continue his work among men, promising to abide with them till the end of the world.

We need not therefore tell Your Grace with what deep respect, veneration and obedient love we hail your visit in our midst to-day. Dutiful children of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, we recognize in its divinely constituted hierarchy all that is to the strengthening of our Faith and to the increase of our Christian Hope and Charity.

You come to us as the one sent by God, and with the signs of the dignity and authority of a prince of the Apostolic College. The mitre on your head speaks to us of that, your elevated dignity in the Church of Christ, and with due respect do we bow the knee, as you pass by to receive your blessing knowing that it is the blessing of Christ's messenger; the staff which you carry



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But this day, Your Grace, is one of special rejoicing for us, as you come with hands full of blessings, not only for the Congregation as a whole, but particularly for our dear children, some of whom had the privilege of making their First Communion this morning, and along with many others are about to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. In these evil days when young age is so much exposed to temptations of all kinds, a greater need is felt of the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Ghost. In imparting to them the wisdom and strength of this Holy Spirit of God, and in instilling in their young hearts the precious gifts of piety, you shall give us assurance for their safe sailing over the tempestuous sea of a wicked world.

The least we can do to express our heartfelt gratitude to Your Grace is to pray to Jesus that your days may be long and full of consolations in the ministrations of your elevated and saintly mission! May we for many years to come enjoy the blessing of Your Grace which we now crave on our bended knees!

A. A. CHERRIER, P.P.

On behalf of the Parishioners of the Immaculate Conception,
Winnipeg, June 4, 1905.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

On Thursday morning, June 8, fifty students of the St. Boniface College who are members of the Sodality of the Immaculate Conception walked from the college to the church of that name in Winnipeg, recited the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin according to their weekly custom, heard Mass said at 7.30 a.m. by their Director, Rev. Father Blain, S.J., received Holy Communion, sang hymns under the leadership of Father George Robichaud, S.J., and with the able organ accompaniment of Rev. Father Sauve, and listened with marked attention to an impromptu sermon in which Rev. Father Cherrier explained with admirable lucidity the symbolism of the paintings and mural decorations in his beautiful Church of the Immaculate Conception. Then the fifty Sodality members walked back to the college in excellent spirits after their five-mile walk on an empty stomach, and did ample justice to the hearty breakfast they had so well earned. Thus did they testify in a very practical manner their many devotion to the Mother of God.

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WANTED TO TAX COLLEGE
CANTEEN

Candy Dealer Jealous of the Business
Done in the St. Boniface College

The St. Boniface town council met Monday evening to complete the revision of the assessment roll. The demands for reduction of valuation were generally of minor importance. The Winnipeg Street Railway company had sent in a protest against the assessment of \$9,760 against its track and poles, but, strange to say, for a corporation, it had no lawyer present to uphold the protest. The assessment was therefore sustained without discussion.

The Jesuit Fathers of St. Boniface college were summoned before the board of revision through the action of a candy dealer in the neighborhood, to show cause why they should not be taxed for carrying on a trade in sweets and ginger pop on the premises of the college. The reverend Fathers appeared and explained at some length that they kept a stock of these sweets for the convenience of the pupils who could not be allowed to run on the streets to procure them, but

that the rules of the order were such that even the slight profits realized from the sales had to be spent for the benefit of the children. "Since twenty years that we have been here," said the reverend advocate, "we have not sent one dollar to the mother house; all the earnings of the college have been spent here. Last year we remitted \$1,500 to pupils who were not able to pay for tuition." It was decided not to tax the baby canteen of the college.—Free Press, June 12.

LEFT ALL TO NURSE

John Linton Chapman, the well known New York Artist, who died last week at the age of sixty-five at the home of Cornelius Boyle, Baychester, left his works of art, and, in fact, his entire estate, valued at \$50,000, to Helen Boyle, a nurse in the Post Graduate hospital. Miss Boyle is twenty years old and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Boyle, with whom the artist for the last twelve months had made his home. She is attractive-looking and possesses a sweet soprano voice, which charmed the aged artist, who himself was so fond of music that he had eight pianos in his home. Mr. Chapman became a convert to Catholicism a year ago.