seded in severing the n England and Rome. the shortcomings of some he days when the Cath. as the religion of the or them a certain propor-eters, but there can be no England lost the Faith any national revolt b, but in consequence of ation of Henry VIII. and t their power should not en by religious restraints. heir object was attained ministers who held their pendently of the Roman stile te the resumption ith Rome lest they should of their posts, and accorded a strong anti Roman agst their flocks. Hence and bigotry from which we to suffer so severely. ellous change has come the past twenty or thirty ory is being written in a

more candid spirit; the Newman and Manning ted many false ideas with ome; and, above all, the ents in the national life appeal to the hearts of non-Catholics to return of their fathers.-Liver Times.

OLY WATER. Why The Church Makes Use of It.

ng a church all Catholics abit of dipping their hands water font and blessing

While the sources of regarding this practice us and of easy access it is how few have ever taken o enlighten themselves on er is one of the sacrament-

Church. It does not wash m sin or infuse grace, but of the power given to the blessing being attached to e soul in the formation of the door of the temple so y by its use properly preminds for their devotions house of God. of it in religious rites is

the Christian Church. It o the ceremonies of the Old he Book of Numbers (chapter (7) we find the following: hall take holy water in a essel; and he shall cast a h of the pavement of the into it." The Law of Moses her of a water of expiation r of jealousy.

e Church began its use we It is a very ancient prac e believe that it must have al with the establishment o y. Pope Alexander I., who om 109 to 119, speaks of it as hed custom.

re three kinds of holy water: water, which is blessed on ay before Easter, Pontifical seed by a Bishop and used in ng churches, and the ordinwater, which a priest may e authorities on the question n to indicate that the habit lessed water is not of divine lesiastical origin. It is one orms which the Church has or the aid and edification of al, the power to do which was er when Christ presented to keys of the kingdom of

egend of St. Gregory.

arly years St. Gregory the s a monk in St. Andrew's at Rome; though afterward Pope, and sent St. Augus. each to the Saxons at Canter hen he was at St. Andrew's came one day to the gate, elieved; but he came again n till all the monk's means austed. At last Gregory ne silver porringer which his ylvia had given him to be the mendicant.

Gregory became Pope he used in daily at supper twelve Once he was surprised to t there were thirteen seated le. He called to the steward ne had given orders that there twelve only. The steward od counted them over, and Holy Father, there are surely Gregory said nothing ly." Gregory said nothing t at the end of the meal he e thirteenth and unbidden Who art thou?" The reply am the poor man whom thou nerly relieve, and my name is derful. in whatever thou shalt ask of God." Then Gregory knew ad entertained an angel, or, ay, Our Lord Himself.

gend is often represented in

— Christ sitting as a pilgrim other guests. - Ave Maria.

ly permanent cure for chronic s to thoroughly expel the om the system by the faithful istent use of Ayer's Sarsapahis wonderful remedy proves when all other treatment d to relieve the sufferer.



LEAGUE OF THE SACRED HEART.

General Intention for November. (Named by the Cardinal Protector and blessed by the Pope for all Associates.) MELP FOR SOULS IN THEIR LAST

Messenger of the Sacred Heart. To pray for souls in their last agony, is to procure the greatest glory for Jesus our Redeemer, the greatest good for our fellow-men, and unspeakable

advantages for ourselves. To pray for souls in their last agony, is to afford the Heart of Jesus the sweetest and fullest consolation, by rescuing souls whose loss was the chief cause of Christ's long agony.

To pray for souls in their last long

agony, is to exercise the most far-reaching apostleship, and the only kind which, strictly speaking, may be said to be universal, since no man is exempt from death. It is the most necessary of all apostleships since its aim is to insure the grace of a happy death. It is one that admits of no de lay, since for those who await its help there is but one moment left upon which their eternity depends. This very day more than eighty thousand souls will be summoned to appear before Gcd's judgment seat. Alas ; how many thousands of that great total are taken unawares by death's premonition, while in a state of mortal sin. How many others are dismayed by the outslaughts of the devil, or appalled through fear of the Sovereign Judge! Pray for them this very day, and with out loss of time-to morrow it will be too late. You pray for the souls in purgatory,—and what charitable plans have you not already formed for this present month of November—and yet their happiness is assured though it be deferred for a time : but you are unmindful of those who are in their last agony and whose salvation is uncer tain! You pray for the conversion of sinners and of unbelievers, though you are aware that as long as they are in health the evil of delay is not neces sarily irreparable: and you would neglect those who are at the point of death, and who are already on the threshold of eternity! In a day, in an hour, in a minute, it will be heaven or hell for them, and that for ever and ever!

Can we not hear our dear Lord Himself pleading their cause, and whisper ing to our own souls: - "I have par taken of the bitterness of all the agonies of men. For all those in agony I have a special care, and their very abandonment appeals most foreibly to My Heart. I know full well what it is to be abandoned. During My agony on the cross, I gave vent to My anguish at being abandoned by My Father, though at the foot of the cross stood Mary My Mother, and John My beloved disciple. In my agony in the Garden, it was with poignant griet that I beheld the indifference and drowsiness of My apostles. It was to you, as well as to them, that I spoke, when I bade them watch and pray that they might not enter into temptation But watch and pray also for those in their last agony, for those who are suffering and dying this day and every day, and at this very moment while ham whispering to your heart."

It was a wholesome thought to have

placed all those who are dying under the protection of the Agonizing Heart of Jesus. Who could feel for them in all their anguish better than He? Who would come to their relief more speedily and more effectually? And all He is waiting for is an earnest supplication from us. A few drops of that life-giving stream, which flowed so abundantly in the Garden and on the rock of Calvary, will, in answer to our prayer, fall like a gentle dew from heaven, laden with mercy, upon the souls of sinners who are to die this day. To have recourse to the Agonizing Heart of our Lord with unbounded confidence in behalf of sinners who are at the point of death, that He may snatch them from the yawning abyss and open up heaven to them, is to render a most fitting homage to the agony of Jesus Himself. It is to acknowledge His divine strength, it is to give proof of unfaltering faith in Him, just when He would seem most helpless in His dejection and powerless to help others. This trust in the sovereign efficacy of His passion and abadonment is a most grateful tribute to His Sacred Heart, athirst for the salvation of souls How little so ever we may have thought of this in the past, let us at least now, and in the future, yield to Jesus this acceptable tribute of our love. Let us lay before His Agonizing Heart the ying of every day ;-place them in His Sacred Heart, as in a sure refuge, and beseech Him to save them, blending our own supplications with those of thousands of others who are praying

for their eternal salvation. Other practices of Christian piety may admit of postponement or delay but there is no time to lose if we would help the dying. They have no longer even an entire day wherein to repent on the dying. My own hour and seek forgiveness. Before the sun has come. Lend a favorable ear, O goes down, before the young day has grown old, time shall have ceased for them, their doom shall have been sealed for eternity. For them, it will be heaven for ever thereafter, or hell; the joys of endless bliss, or the everlasting, avenging pool of fire. The eternal condiagration has all but reached them! It is not the dwelling of my neighbor, or of my friend, that is threatened by the flames, but it is his body, his soul, his whole being. To the rescue, then! Open upon him the flood-gates of prayer; stretch forth a pitying hand and he shall escape from the devouring element which rages around him. The little that is asked of you in his behalf,

for it will render applicable for him, and efficacious, all the sorrows of the Heart of Jesus, all the miracles of Jesus, all the teaching of Jesus, all His Blood, His very life and His death

Consider also among the eighty thousand who are passing out of this life to day how many are idolaters, how many are forlorn sinners, how many are forsaken and destitute of all spiritual help. No other succor will reach them but what you will be pleased to give. Mete out this succour in proportion to their needs, their number, their abandonment. See that the succour you do give be generous enough in its measure to close hell beneath their feet, and to open out heaven above them. that it be not too scant, lest they be not strong enough to cope with the temptations with which assailed, or the crowd of evil spirits who seek them as their prey. Take pattern on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, who has lavished blessings on you without measure. There were no restrictions, nor limitations in His liberality to you. Let there be no parsimony in the re

persons of those in their last agony

Generous souls are not wanting who make over all their spiritual treasures to those who have departed this life and who are yet detained in the cleansing fires of Purgatory. O.hers there are who exert themselve to bring back sinners to their duty See what our missionaries have dared and are doing for the conversion of the heathen. But, as we have already remarked, the soul that has reached purgatory have is assured of its eternal happiness. Its sufferings, no doubt, are intense, its temporary separation from a God whom it loves beyond what it is given to us to conceive, must far exceed all earthly trials. All this, however, will have an end, and it is conscious that every pang brings it nearer to the Object of its love. While for the sinners and unbelievers here on earth, who are won back to God to day, they may again relapse to morrow. Far different is the case of dying sinners when you succeed in rescuing them from their sin and from hell which is open before them. They cannot fall from grace, final perseverance is within heir grasp, for they are about to die

Thus, without going abroad you can become a missionary—one who converts and saves souls. The wide world is open to your apostolate, for in every clime of the habitable globe multitudes are dying every day, and the prayers you offer for them are their salvation. By prayer we can reach shores our fleets have never spied, lands our soldiers have never trodden, and to which our missionaries have never made their way. The bearers of the Gospel tidings are not ubiquituous, they cannot be near to assist every human being in the throes of death. But as no wayfarer in the flesh is beyond the reach and influence of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the prayers you send up to Him for those who are dying every day will make their comforting and saving influence felt wherever they are most needed.

Pray not only with the lips and heart, but offer up your meritorious actions, and make entreaty through your sufferings patiently undergone.
Offer to God for the dying your trials, your afflictions, your days well spent, and there will be nothing in the life of the active missionary that may excite your pious envy, save perhaps his fatigues and his toils. You will have, as he has, whole nations to evangelize you will labor in spirit by his side in Japan, in China, in India, in in-hospitable shores of Africa or the Is lands of the Pacific. You will follow him in his wanderings among the restless tribes of our own great continent.

Finally, if God's glory, and the salvation of souls are not motives sufficiently strong to determine us to join in this work of mercy, let us consult our own interests. Date et debitur vobis : give and it shall be given to you; good measure and pressed down and shaken together and running over shall they give into your bosom. with the same measure that you shall mete withal, it shall be measured to you again" (St. Luke vi, 38) "Take heed what you hear. In what measure you shall mete, it shall be measured to you again, and more shall be given to (St. Mark iv, 24). These are our Lord's own promises, which He has con firmed elsewhere in other words Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy" (St. Matth. v, 7) In your mercy, therefore, be mindful of the dying, and when your last moments come, you shall not be forgotten. What a comfort, if when all

the dread of that final struggle is upon you, you can truly say to the Master: For ten, for twenty years, my Saviour, have I daily besought your Sacred Heart to have mercy Jesus! to the prayers of the thousands of my fellow-associates who are now in terceding with you in my behalf. And e merciful Saviour then deign should tr to draw from before your mortal eyes

will bring redemption home to his soul ; prayer prevents the awful, everlasting which consumes the reprobate in hell fire. longed, and for which he will crave

in vain throughout all eternity. With this in view, we may well say that no work of charity can be might fall upon them, and heal them compared with the one that forestalls of their infirmities. And for eighteen the endless ills awaiting the unrepent hundred years the work of that Chief ent sinner who dies in enmity with God. Wherefore the one who practises it may with confidence count ing humanity by delivering men from upon the greeting of the King when He shall come in His majesty, throned on the clouds of heaven, and for which The labors of Peter, and those who our Lord has vouched so solemnly during His sojourn upon earth : "Come, ye blessed of My Father, possess you the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I away. Slavery is bantshed from civilwas hungry, and you gave Me to eat : drink: I was a stranger, and you took
Me in: naked, and you covered Me:
sick, and you visited Me: I was in
prison, and you came to Me. Then
shall the just apswer Him. shall the just answer Him, saying Lord, when did we see Thee hungry, and fed Thee, thirsty, and gave Thee drink? And when did we see Thee a stranger, and took Thee in? or naked, and covered Thee? Or when did we lief which you extend to Him in the see Thee sick or in prison, and came to Thee? And the King, answering, shall say to them : Amen I say to you, as long as you did it to one of these my least brethren, you did it to Me."

St. Matth. xxv. 34 40.) As much as eternal interests exceed the perishable, just so much more rap turous will be the welcome for those who have assuaged by their prayers the anguish, the foreboding, the terror of the dying, and have brought them, through the commisseration of the Sacred Heart, peace, confidence, com-punction and restful hops. What other words could the King use in their regard than: Come, ye blessed of My Father, for I was in My agony, and, like My angels, you comforted Me?

The power for good of an association is, as every one knows, far greater than that of any individual effort. This is true in the order of nature, and holds good in the order of grace. Several persons banded together often accomplish what one alone could never succeed in bringing about. Himself tells us: "If two of you shall consent upon earth, concerning anything whatsoever they shall ask, it shall be done to them by My Father who is in heaven. For where there are two or three gathered together in My name there am I in the midst of them" (St. Matth. xviii, 19, 20). This is the secret of the success of all associations sanctioned and encour-

aged by the Church. It was in view of rendering greater assistance to the dying of every day, that the Confraternity of the Agoniz ing Heart of Jesus, with its central control in Jerusalem, was instituted in 1848. Its main object is the special worship of the sufferings and agony of our Divine Saviour, and through this act of religion the obtaining of a happy death for all who are actually in their last agony. Its special practice is to offer up every day a short prayer to the Agonizing Heart of Jesus for all, irrespective of sex, age, country, or religion, who, to the number of about eighty thousand, pass in one day from

time to eternity. On the 23rd of August, 1867, Pope Pius IX, solemnly extended to this association the privileges of an Archconfraternity, and from that date to the present it has been enriched, at at a word from Italia the forest different intervals, with numerous inothers, on October 16, 1878, in the Church of the Gesù in the Archdiocese of Montreal. The special prayer of this Archconfraternity, which the meminate of Montreal and the special prayer of the famous buildings of the Eternal City, they impudently placed the sun this Archconfraternity, which the meminate of the special prayer of this Archeonfraternity, which the members recite three times a day, as follows:

"Most merciful Jesus, Lover of ouls, I beseech Thee by the Agony of Thy most Sacred Heart, and by the Sorrows of Thy Immaculate Mother, cleanse in Thy Blood the souls of sinners throughout the world who are now in their agony and who are to die this day. Amen.

"Agonizing Heart of Jesus, have

mercy on the dying.' By a decree of February 2, 1850, an Indulgence of one hundred days is granted each time this prayer is recited, and a Pienary Indulgence to those who during the month recite it, at intervals, three times a day, after having approached the sacraments and prayed for the intentions of the Sover-eign Pontiff. These Indulgences are applicable to the souls in Purgatory.

If we do not enrol ourselves in this

Archconfraternity, let us at least add the foregoing short prayer to our other devotions, so as mercifully to assist the dying and increase the number of the elect.

PRAYER.

O Jesus! through the most pure Heart of Mary, I offer Thee all the prayers, work and sufferings of this day, for all the intentions of Thy Divine Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in reparation of al sins, and for all requests presented through the Apostleship of Prayer: in particular for the dying of every day.

The Most Prominent are Fashionable

THE SHADOW OF PETER.

Eighteen hundred years ago, the water for which Dives prayed and sick were laid down in the streets of Jerusalem, that as Peter, the Vicar of Apostleof the Divine Revelation hasbeen directed to healing the woes of suffermoral sickness and bringing health have followed him in his Apostolic See, have changed the face of the social ized lands. Human worth and human Prince of the Apostles with whose power the long line of Roman Pontiffs has ruled the Church age after age It has been a slow and a long struggle Indeed no one could have expected it should have been otherwise. ened is the world, and so determined to resist good which interferes with its interests or its pleasures, that it was of all things most unlikely that it could vield to the beneficent influence of the Gospel without determined and there fore prolonged opposition. And the world's opposition is worldly. Some Popes it murdered, others it imprisoned, others it cast out of their ances tral home and sent as exiles to find re

fuge abroad. The lot of so many of his predeces sors had not failed to fall upon our Holy Father, now reigning in Peter's stead. An impious and perfidious Government, usurping his estates and keeping him a prisoner in the Vatican power and to curtail his work. But it has failed. It has failed, and though it pretends to regard him as no longer a personality possessing weight in the councils of the world, though it even pretends to regard him as politically dead, his shadow still creeps over the earth and is seen by men. At no time, perhaps, has the Papacy had greater influence on the minds and hearts of men of all classes and of all creeds. Prisoner though he is, his voice yet sound to the ends of the earth, and listening multitudes find in his words consolation and hope amid the trials which afflict them. Unavailingly does the Government, which has robbed him of his rights, affect, with ostrich like simplicity, to see him any longer. He is still near, and at most unexpected turns his shadow startles his robbers and pricks their conscience with a sense of wrong doing, if not of re

Of this an amusing incident has been chronicled within the last few days. King Umbert intends to meet the German Emperor at the end of the month at Wiesbaden. And Kaiser Wilhelm, whose artistic faculty is on a par with his governmental sagacity, is arrang ing a great feast for his monarchical brother. There is to be a "festpiel" at the Wiesbaden Theatre, and the Emperor himself has taken part in the suggestions for the tableaux. these pictures portrays a great forest, in which two female forms, represent ing Germania and Italia, clasp hands in token of everlasting friendship, and disappears and Rome slowly rises was not only comforted for the moment, duigences. It has been established in from the earth. But it seems that many dioceses in America, and among Austrian artists had been engaged to dome of St. Peter's and made the light from the Vatican Basilica send its streaming rays over Rome. But here crept in a danger. It would never do to let the Italian king see that the light came over his capital from the summit of St. Peter's, so the artist has been ordered to expunge the sun, lest the Emperor's guest should be pained and take offence. Would it be possible to record a clearer instance of the fear and trepidation with which the Italian Government regards the influence of the Papacy? Must not the Papal Question be ever near the king's con science when such a scene can be likely to bring the thought of the Pope's power and position to his mind? All the talk that we hear so frequently about the difference between

the Papacy and the Italian Government having been definitely adjusted is merely so much make believe. The differences will never be adjusted until the Holy Father has obtained the rights of which he has been robbed. His claims rest on the eternal principles of justice, and he cannot, even he would, concede the demands made upon him by those who have despoiled him of his possessions. For those possessions are not his to sur-render. They are but his to administer. He is steward of them for the whole Catholic world, which has as great an interest in their maintenance as the Pope himself, for the Catholic world will never consent that the Head of the Church shall be other than sov-ereign and free. They can never allow him to be a subject to any earthly power, and there is no choice but to be subject or sovereign. This view of the position of the Papacy is well known to the Italian Government, and hence it is that at every turn it is fearful of the re-appearance of the Papal Question. But it may be sure that the question wil constantly re-appear until it is finally

solved in accordance with the wishes

of St. Peter's successor, and every

Catholic will pray in hope and confidence that the day may soon dawn when the sun of liberty shall shine once again upon the palaces of the Popes' and the Vicar of Jesus Christ be free to carry on unshackled and un trammelled the Divine work which his Master has appointed for him to do. Liverpool Catholic Times.

WHY THE CHURCH MAKES CON-VERSIONS.

Some people, especially those who believe that one religion is as good as another, say they cannot understand why the Catholic Church is always ready to receive converts. They must admit that the Catholic clergy do not carry on a proselytizing campaign like that of their own religious bodies in Catholic countries, but still they pretend to believe that it isn't "good taste" for the Catholic Church to wel come so many converts from other denominations. Bishop Mostyn, of Wales, has explained very well the attitude of the Church on this matter. In a recent address in a Cath-olic Church at Mold he said: "It was only the other day someone said to me, 'Yes, but you people are accused of trying to make conversions.' I must say I feit flattered at the accusation, not from any inimical or hostile point of view, certainly, but from motives of the greatest charity; indeed, I should be a very poor Catholic, and especially a poor Bishop, if, believing as I do that the faith I hold is the one true Catholic faith, I did not wish others to come and share with me the spiritual advantage I believe I have in my Church, in order they may thereby get more easily into the Kingdom of Heaven. But some people seemed to have an idea when this vicariate was first started that Rome was going to make a huge at tack upon Wales, and that the legions of Julius Casar were coming more. All I wish to do as Vicar-Apos tolic is to look after my own flock in my Palace, has thought to cripple his own country, and to show the people who do not belong to my flock what the Catholic religion really is, and what we believe, and why we believe it. As many know, the Catholic religion has been shamefully misrepresented from time to time, and many people think the most terrible things about us. They have heard we worship idols, perhaps, and all sorts of wonder ful things, and no wonder they keep away from us. But I believe if they once get to know the real truth- that we do not worship idols, and if they know what we believe and why we believe, it will not be long before the people of Wales find out their mistake, and join the Church of their forefathers. However, we must pray to Almighty God, and ask Him to shower His graces down upon this country, and bless us and help us to lead good and holy lives, and show those outside the Church that our re ligion is leading us to Heaven. is just the position of the Catholics o our own land. We have the truth, and we want others to share it with us -Catholic News.

Short Views.

A young girl met with a very serious accident which necessitated a very painful surgical operation and many months' confinement to her bed. When the physician had finished his work and was about taking his leave the patient asked : " Doctor, how long shall I have

to be here helpless?"
"Oh, only a day at a time," was the cheery answer, and the poor sufferer but many times through through the succeeding weary weeks did the thought, "Only a day at a time," thought, come back with its quieting influence

I think it was Sydney Smith who recommended taking "short views" as a good safeguard against needless worry; and One far wiser than he said: "Take therefore no thought for the morrow; for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Suffic ient unto the day is the evil thereof. -The Messenger.

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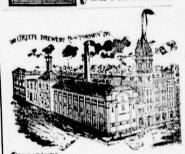
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