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QUESTION BOX.

Another Batch of Queries Answered by Father Doyle.

Philadelphia Catholic Standard and Times The question box at the Church of the Assumption was not so largely patronized this week at last, possibly because many of those who had diffi-culties found them removed by the previous replies. Some of the questioners requested Father Doyle to answer through the columns of the Catholic Standard and Times.

Several columns of this paper would be required for a comprehensive reply to the unsigned question, "Why did Martin Luther leave the Church?

As a summary, however, the following will suffice: Pride, jealousy, and triumph of the carnal over the spiritual nature of the man. His own onfessions show this. He preached against Indulgences because the commission to preach a Pienary Indulgence granted by Pope Leo X. had been given to another order of monks than his own. He then taught that faith alone, without works, will save man kind; that the sacrifice of the Mass was an abomination; that there is no necessity for confession, abstinence fasting or any mortification whatever He said that priests might marry : he denied the supremacy o the Pope, but not until the Pope decided against he wrote against purgatory, free will and almost every article of Chris tian belief. He broke his voluntary yow of celibacy to join a woman wh broke a similar piedge to God. In short, Martin Luther left the Church because he was a corrupt man. The sincerity of an ex priest denouncing the Church is open to question whe there is "a woman in the case." Leaving the Church for conscientious reasons, if such a thing were possible, could not excuse the breaking of a vow

celibacy made to God.
"Doubtful "asked: "Do the souls of the departed ones ever appear on

this earth ?' While one cannot accept the many ghost stories" which are told, and should be very incredulous regarding these and visions unless substantiated by irrefutable testimony, yet it is sible for spirits to appear to man. Moses and Elias appeared to the Apostles in the Transfiguration, and they feared that Christ was a spirit He appeared among them after the resurrection. He did not say that such was impossible, but in a neg-ative manner implied that it could so, for He said that a spirit had not flesh

and blood like He had.
"A Penitent" said that "we read in one of the Gospels that ' heaven and

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My word shall not pass away "is explained in two ways: First, that "heaven" in this case means the firmament, and that it and the earth shall both pass away; second, taking it as meaning the abode of bliss, it is merely used as if Christ had said, "the earth will pass away, yea, even if heaven will pass away before My word shall pass away," thus emphasizing the truth of His words. In either sense the idea is the indefectibility of the words of Christ.

asked: (1) "Can grandparents stand sponsors for their grand-children?" (2) "Can a non Catholic stand sponsor for a Catholic child who has Catholic parents?"

In the Catholic Church grandparents would be allowed to serve as sponsors, though younger persons would be pre ferable, because more likely in the course of nature to survive the parents and at their death see to the religious education of the child. Sponsors are to answer in the name of the child at the doctrines of the Church, and they are to see that the child is brought up a Catholic in the event of the death of the parents or their failure to do so. Non-Catholics obviously cannot perform the first duty, and would not be likely, except in few instances, to do the second. They are therefore ineligible as sponsors at Catholic baptisms.
(3) "Is it a sin for Catholics

"Is it a sin for Catholics to go to Protestant churches to listen to the

Considering the fact that many Protestants neglect their own services in order to hear Catholic music, it seems as though a Catholic might find suffictent attraction in the sacred music of his own churches. To join in here i-cal worship is a sin. There may be times when for urgent social reasons, such as funerals or weddings, it is excusable to attend a Protestant church. Christ while hating sin loves stnners, and His Church, though opposing beresy, is ever anxious for the salva-

"the house of God," and their respect for it is not helped by attending the churches of other denominations, where the congregations realize that they are but meeting places, and where the Catholic, by almost unconscious absorption, imbibes an indifference to

things spiritual.
"Married" says: young man married a Protestant girl, in the girl's house. Can he call him-a Catholic, and has he the right to go to confession and Communion the same as before?

From the form of the question it would appear that the marriage wa performed by a minister of one of the sects, and it does not appear whether the girl was baptized or not. If not, there was no marriage in the eyes of the Church. Where the decrees of the Council of Trent have been officially promulgated, the presence of the priest of the parish and two witnesses is essential. The young man can certainly go to confession; whether he should receive absolution and be per mitted to go to Communion is a matte for his confessor to decide after hear ing all the circumstances, which are not clearly set forth in the question.

A question with the rather paradox ical signature "Doubting Catholic" read thus: "Why does the Church allow one or two Catholics to be divorced and able to remarry, while poor persons with better reas only able to get a separation?"

Father Doyle said that one who doubts the truth of the doctrines of the Church can scarcely be called a Catholic. While the writer evidently insinuates the slander of the enemies of the Church regarding the power of money in obtaining dispensations and divorces, it would be well to remember that Henry VIII. was rather a rich fellow, and that the Church forfeited England rather than grant him a divorce, though Luther about the same time was more liberal to a German prince. Americans who recall the Bonaparte-Patterson case and the Pope's attitude then will readily acquit the Church of this charge. The impression of some Protestants, and at least one 'doubting Catholic,' is that the Church has occasionally sanctioned divorce, allowing one of the parties to remarry during the lifetime of the other. There are causes which render a marriage void from the beginning, such as "decauses which render a marriage void from the beginning, such as "default of consent," close affinity, illegal ity of contract, defect of age and other invalidating causes. In these cases the Church after inquiring into the matter, declares the marriage null and void from the beginning. This is not divorce, but a decision that no marriage ever existed, because of some impediever existed, because of some impedi ment which made the contract void. But a valid marriage consummated between baptized persons cannot in any case be dissolved. God has joined them together, and that sacred bond no one, not even a Pope, can break asunder. If in some particular cases this law may happen to be burdensome, especially to those who have not been want ing either in prudence in their choice or in justice and kindness towards their partners, the hardship to the few is small compared with the immense good derived by society at large.— Philadelphia Catholic Standard and

OUR EVERYDAY DUTY.

What a glorious day it will be for earth shall pass away, but my word the cause of Catholic truth when our never.' Please explain the meaning people really understand their position of heaven passing away." people really understand their position in America in relation to their Protestant fellow citizens! When each and every one of us, instead of living selfishly an almost useless existence (as far as our obligation to spread Catholic truth is concerned), will be inspired with a desire to offer to all men that blessed gift of which it has been our inestimable privilege to have received from God! When the consciousness of possessing the greatest treasure of time or eternity will be felt by us in our inmost souls, and when our loyalty to Christ and to His Church will take such possession of us that we will be most eager to sow the seed of faith that God may reap the greater harvest of

> There are many earnest hearts sighing for that day, many sanguine hearts hoping for it, many willing natures working to bring it closer to

Let us all ask ourselves what we are doing to conquer the world for Christ and the Church. Are we showing in our lives the beauty and blessedness of the faith we profess? Are we chaste, baptism, and thus declare a belief in sober, honest, upright, earnest? Do the teachings of the Church show them selves in our conversation and actions Are we better than our non Catholic fellows? Have we nobler thoughts, higher ideals, purer and better con-ceptions of life and its duties? Have we a keener consciousness of God's providence? Do we carry our faith into our every day dealings or do we keep it for Sunday display only? Are we more just than those who follow false teachings, more merciful, more charit-able? Or do we live our lives utterly unconscious of, or wilfully ignoring the duties and obligations imposed up-

on Catholics by the gift of faith? Let every Catholic remember that upon him to a certain extent depends the salvation of those outside the Church. Let each one of us remember that he owes not only a duty to God but to his neighbor. The duty he owes to his non Catholic neighbor is, first of all, good example. A drunken Catholic can not very well point to himself as an example of the efficacy

exponent of the teaching of the Church with regard to the laws that should govern Christians in their dealings with others. An unchaste Catholic one who professes the religion of the God of purity, and yet lives directly contrary to that religion, excites only the disgust of the earnest minded non-Catholics who know him. A Catholic whose tongue is continually dripping slime in the shape of nasty stories or profanity, closes the door of the Church in the face of those who might be led

to take the first step by edifying con A sinful, unworthy Cathoversation. lic of any kind is the greatest stumbl ing-block in the path of those whom the promptings of D.vine grace is lead ing back to the true fold. Unworthy Catholics are continually undoing the work which is being performed in this country by the apostolic men who de vote their lives to showing to our non Catholic brethren the truth and beauty

of the Church of Christ.

Then there are the Catholics who are not bad, but apathetic. Catholics who are content to save their own souls, but whom it is hard to arouse to the glory of bringing back to the Catholic Church those who are as worthy of the faith as we are, but whose minds are shackled by the prejudices of centuries and who can not take a step forward without our help and encouragement. Catholics indifferent such as these should arouse themselves from so fatal a condition of mind and interest them. selves in winning the world for Christ Many ways will suggest themselves if there is a will. Example, prayer, teaching, the dissemination of Catholic literature—all these are excellent ways; but of course, through all, and in all this work there must be the spirit of the apostles, the prayerful, powerful, yet humble spirit of those who were sent to teach all nations. Without this spirit-dependence a Our Lord and submission to His willour best efforts will come to naught.

There is work for each and Catholic man and women in this field God give us the light to see the opportunities to do good that lie around us. Sacred Heart Review.

FIRST PROMISE OF LORD TO BLESSED MARGARET MARY.

"I will give them all the graces neces sary for their state of life. Though our friends rebel at the thought that the Apostle told the whole truth when he said, "If any man thirk himself to be something, whereas he is nothing, he deceiveth him-self," yet in calm judgment we must acknowledge that we are indeed nothing so far as our capability of doing of ourselves anything meritorious for eternal life is concerned. The words of our Divine Lord Himself confirms the fact: "Without Me you can do nothing." Still, with St. Paul we may all things in Him that nothing." Still, with St. Paul we may add: "I can do all things in Him that

God gives to every man sufficient grace to work out his salvation, yet He promises to those devoted to His Sacred Heart a more abundant particination in the treasures of His love. He engages to give them all the graces cessary for their state in life.

It is a most beautiful feature of the Providence of God that every man has a particular work in the vast scheme creation, and that he has only to correspond with the grace of God (which vill never be wanting to him and he will attain his eternal destiny-the unending bliss of Heaven.

Countless are the saints of God in every state enumerates kings, queens, peasants, religious, parents, soldiers, beggars hermits, and persons in the thousand other vocations followed by men, but the saints whose names are not in scribed in the Canon probably exceed by unthinkable numbers these whose sanctity has been declared by the

We are so apt to think that sanctity is, as it were, a plant so rare that it flourishes only in some sar-off clime under certain extraordinary conditions, It would cause merriment for some per sons to hear their neighbors or friends called "saints," those neighbors or friends who do not spend long hours in the Church, who do not perform great penance, who do not wear solemn faces or repel others by their severity, but who seem to perform their daily tasks and mingle with their fellow men very much as they do themselves; and yet to the All-seeing eye af God these persons may be very great saints. The secret of their sanctity is this: their lives are passed in conformity with God's Holy Will; every word and thought and act is directed to His greater glory; they are fulfilling perfectly their part in His eternal plan; or as, the well known saying puts it, "Doing ordinary things in an extraordinary manner."

The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is most conducive to the attainment of this perfection, for by means of the Morning Offering every thought, word, action, prayer and suffering is directed to the glory of God. This includes net only direct acts of virtue but those so-called indifferent actions, such as eating, sleeping, talking, the innumerable movements of body and soul, the thousand sufferings, incon-veniences and humiliations each man encounters daily -- all these are turned into eternal treasures by the true

Philosopher's Stone. In return for this zeal for His glory, our Divine Master, who is far more desirous of our salvation than we ourselves, promises to pour out abundant ly His precious graces, to give to each soul devoted to His Sacred Heart His

enable him to become a saint ; to attain | ly, obliged to content himself with the the place in Heaven Almighty God has destined him to occupy, to fulfil his chance left him. But what was the repart in the inscrutable designs of an sult? The three, vessels set sail on the All-wise Creator.
It is therefore of great importance

for all members of the L ague to exert themselves to great fidelity in making the Morning Offering and, when pos sible, renewing it during the day, so that they may lose none of the graces that our merciful Lord has promised to that our merciful Lord has promised to the faithful disciples of His Sacred Providence watched over His servant. Heart.

STATE OR PARENT.

Father Gasson Shows Who has the Right to Educate the Child

Rev. Thomas I Gasson, S. J., of Boston College, Boston, Mass, delivered another valuable lecture on ethical subets in Boston College Thursday evening. His topic was "The Existence of the State for the Citizen or the Citi zen or the Citizen for the State."

spoke in the part as follows:
"The vexed question as to whom
the right of the education of the child belongs can easily be solved philosophi-cally by considering that far more general problem, viz, does the state exist for the citizen or the citizen for the state? The various theories upon this all important subject can divided into two classes, viz into the class of philosophers who maintain that the object of the state is to secure the citizen in the enjoyment of his life and property, and into the class of philosophers who teach that the citizen exists for the state.
"This latter view, is the leading

thought in the legislation of Lycur-gus, and it was this peculiarity that gave Sparta her marked character, and distinguished her in so striking a manner f.om all the other states of Greece. Lycurgus was resolved that the Spartans should be a nation of soldiers. To accomplish this result he placed the complete training of the boys under the control of the state and introduced a system of state father hood that overthrew entirely all parental rights over the young. Every child after birth was subjected to a public examination of its physical condition. The weakly and the cripples were exposed on Mount Taygetus his seventh year the boy was taken from his mother's care and given over to the state teachers or trainers, who taught the youthful Spartans all the gymnastic games, exercises and movements that were calculated to harden the body and to strengthen the muscles. They were forced to wear the same garments winter and summer, and to bear the privations of

when he had completed his thirtieth year, but even then he was still under public discipline, and was not permitted to take his meals with his wife. The men messed together and slept at night in the public barracks. Not un-til he had reached his sixtleth year was the Spartan released from public training and from military service. The individual in this system was nothing, the state everything. The

individual existed solely for the state. The Christian theory of statehood is at utter variance with the Spartan According to Christian philosophy the state exists for the safeguard of the individual and for the protection of inalienable private rights. rived from civil society, for the indivi-

duals composing a state must necessar ily exist before the state can have ex-The individuals and the istence, family are certainly prior to the state, and hence it is impossible that the rights of the family should be derived from the state. Now, no society can lawfully claim to control or modify

rights which it did not originate.
"Bearing this in mind, the question of education resolves itself into this, viz: To whom does the child primar-ily belong? If to the state, then the state should have complete control of education. If to the parents, then to them belongs the sacred right of giv-ing the child that well proportioned development of his faculties which will enable him to secure by legitimate effort his well-being in this life and its happiness in the life to come. The state has its province, and that province is not to go beyond its own limits and to usurp inalienable private rights, but to protect the citizen in his home and in his sphere of action."

THE BARK OF ST. IGNATIUS. Nothing, is so admirable, children,

as the confidence wherewith the saints abandoned themselves to the guidance of Providence. You shall soon see that they act more rationally than the people of the world would, who, every step invoke prudence, foresight and so forth. St. Ignatius Loyola had been on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. On his return, the vessel in which he had sailed landed him at the Island of Cyprus, where he awaited an opportunity to return to Italy. There were three different vessels in port; the first belonged to the Turks, who were little likely to admit a Christian on board. The second, a Venetian vessel, was spacious and comfortable and well appointed. Finally, the third was small, old and rickety. Several pas-sengers interceded with the captain of the fine vessel that he might receive St. Ignatius on board, as he was a very tion of heretics, and it is not because of hostility to non Catholics that she for children attending other places of worship. Catholics, believing as they do in the "Real Presence," and beautify the spiritual life of those who know it. A dishonest Catholic truth to arouse the constitution of the efficacy soil devoted to His Sacred Heart His low card in meeting courageously the holy man, and a worker of miracles, those who know it. A dishonest Catholic truth to arouse the constitution of tife; His help in bearing the cross it is the lot of each to those who know it. A dishonest Catholic, one who is too sharp in his busing as they do in the "Real Presence," and beautify the spiritual life of the cross it is the lot of each to captain very shortly, "and besides, if he is a saint, he has no need of my vesting in their ewn Church what is really news as a very holy man, and a worker of miracles. The constitution of the efficacy said in meeting courageously the holy man, and a worker of miracles. The constitution of the efficacy said in meeting courageously the holy man, and a worker of miracles. It is the lot of each to captain very shortly, "and besides, if he is a saint, he has no need of my vesting the proposition of the efficacy and the constitution of the efficacy and in the constitution of the efficacy and the constitution of the efficacy and in the constitution of the efficacy and the constitution of the efficacy and the constitution of the constitution of the efficacy and the constitution of the constitution of the efficacy and the constitution of the efficacy and the constitution of the efficacy and the constitution of the constitut

word all the assistance necessary to Peter." St. Ignatius was, consequentlittle rickety bark, that being the only same day and in the same weather. All at once a frightful storm arose the Turkish vessel was buried in the sea; the handsome Venetian vessel a sandbank, went to pieces on every soul on board perished, and it was only the little bark that reached.

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of adversity.

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thy heart upbraid thee not. Never rejoice except when thou hast

done well.

The wicked never have true joy, nor feel interior peace, for "there is no peace to the wicked," saith the Lord. And if they say: We are in peace, and there shall no evil come upon us, and who is there shall dare to harm

Believe them not, for suddenly the anger of God shall rise and bring their deeds to naught, and their thoughts shall perish.

To glory in tribulation is not hard to him that loves; for so to glory is to glory is in the cross of the Lord. Short-lived is the glory that is given

and received by men. Sadness ever accompanieth the glory of the world.

The glory of the good is in their own consciences, and not in the mouth of

The joy of the just is from God and

and in God, and their rejoicing is in the truth. He that longeth after true and ever-

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