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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN he might be; and there were occa-

THE SACRED HEART

A Heart that hath a Mother, and a treasure of red blood, A Heart that man can pray to, and

feed upon for food ! In the brightness of the Godhead is

marvelous abode, A change in the Unchanging creation

uching God ! Ye spirits blest in endless rest. who

on that vision gaze, Salute the Sacred Heart with all

your worshipful amaze,

adore, while with ecstatic skill And the Three in One ye can,

The Mercy that has planted there that blessed Heart of Man !

All tranquilly, all tranquilly, doth that blissful Vision last, its brightness o'er immortali-

And ized creation will it cast :

Ungrowing and unfading, its pure

essence doth it keep, In the deepest of those depths where all are infinitely deep ;

Unchanging and unchangeable, as if

it hath ever been, As it was before That Human Heart was there by angels seen,

So it is at this very hour, so will it two of his college friends had beever be,

With that Human Heart within it, beating hot with love of me!

sulted

-FABER

THE HEART OF LOVE

Men are cowed or broken by auth-Sorrows. ority ; they are crushed by tyranny ; they are ruined by the jealousy or envy of others, but they are made willing captives by the power of love. The affection of a mother can do more to reclaim a wayward son than can all the terrors of the law. The love of a child will lead him cheerfully to sacrifice possessions, and yielding to the wise guidance of his even life, for a parent, where a differant motive would leave him cold and heartless.

The love of man is but a faint and distant reflex of that infinite yearning which is love divine. Human arose before him day by day. Neverlove and affection rests upon appartheless, he gained a great reputation ent good, or upon real good, which exists in a subject, mingled with for saintliness. dross. In spite of man's imhe developed symptoms of tuberperfections and wilful transgressions. God so loved him as to send His culosis, and that terrible white plague only begotten Son. There must. therefore, exist in man something at once powerful and precious so to fourth year of his age, after having draw down such an unmistakable been a Passionist five years and token of divine benignity. This seven months. His body was en-elusive something is nothing else tombed in the Church of the lmbut the human soul which, in the maculate Virgin at Isola di Gran divine estimate, is worth the blood Sasso, Italy. of the Son of God.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus is the center, the source and the fountain-head of the divine love among men. It is not merely a meaningless intercession that his cause was in-symbol; it is the embodiment in troduced at Rome. Pope Leo X!II. human form of all that Christ has suffered for the sake of love. Men die for the flag of their country, because the flag symbolizes all that is dear to the heart of the patriot. They prize a heirloom that speaks to th m of the loved past. They cherish fondly a slight token sent ously them from a dying son or brother as he poured out his life's blood on

the field of human battle. Will they then remain untouched and callous at the eight of a Heart that has felt its last drop of blood oczing forth ing and encouraging to the average and trickling down a body already boy or young man ! wasted by torture through love for many, very many of the saints were

During the month of June our austerity and such marvelous loly Mother, the Church, bids us achievements, that the every-day Holy recall the great deeds of our first mortal feels that imitation is far Hero, of Him Who died upon a cross that we might be spiritually feed life gives us all courage and holy from the bondage of hell. Human ambition, and inspires us with the

s the third time that I have told you tions when he was disobedient Like every normal, healthy he loved to play, and was fond lazy. to go and see to the furnace. It needs coal. You know you have to attend to it, so why must I keep of fruit and candy and other things everlastingly nagging at you to get sweet and good to eat. He had a temper that was easily aroused : you to do your duty George closed the book and he was a determined champion of any cause which appealed to his 'Great guns," he cried, " can't you let a fellow read a few minutes in idea of fairness. When, however, he realized that he was in the wrong, peace? I was reading all about Father Jogues and the Indians. or that he was guilty of any fault, he had the moral courage to ac-knowledge his error, and to make Believe me, he was some scout !" aloud, "how long you would last if it were you, instead of Father Jogues honorable amends. During his col-lege days social gaities held an attraction for him and he indulged in singing and dancing, and even who had been sent as a missionary to the Indians." "I'd last longer than he did," asserted Gesrge, "for I'd club those attended theater parties. But all the while Francis cherished an ardent devotion to the Blessed Vir-gin. Never was he lax in exercises redskins to death if they tried half the monkey shines on me that they of veneration for the Mother of God. did on him. "But he wanted to be a martyr," During the procession around the Cathedral Spoleto, in which a picture answered Mrs. King. of the Queen of Heaven was carried, young Francis thought the eyes of the portrait turned reproachfully 'I want to be a hero." His mother looked keenly into the him for his love of worldly eye of the needle that she was upon pleasures, and that the Blessed threading. Virgin besought him to enter the "And can you be one without the other ?" she asked. religious life. Several of his near relatives were in the priesthood,

"Why, sure you can, mother. Every guy wants to be a hero, but only saints want to be martyrs, and come Passionists. He had a conference with his confessor, which re-I don't want to be a saint." in his entrance into the "Don't worry," answered his other, with a smile. "From mother, Passionist Novitiate, whereupon he assumed the name of Gabriel dell' present indications there is no cause Addolorata, Gabriel of Our Lady of to worry that a halo will surround my George's head. But about the

Then began his rapid journey hero business : What makes a hero. along the path to sanctity. Self-George ?" "Doing things," replied George, and doing them well." denial, obedience, rigid regularity, boundless charity transformed him

"Yes, doing things-doing one's duty faithfully and conscientiously, completely. Devotion to Our Divine Lord upon the Cross, and, particularly, to Our Lady of Sorrows marked not bothering about consequences all his waking hours. Still, humbly Doing things, and doing them well, as, for instance, attending to the furnace. ordinary penace, nor did he seek to accomplish anything which the world me that tending to furnaces makes "Ob, shucks, mother. Don't tell

"George," called his mother, "this

wonder," mused his mother

might consider a big achievement. He was a true religious, conscientiheroes. Gee, what heroes janitors must be." ously discharging his duties as they

During his fifth year in religion, prove to the world the stuff one is made of. But they may have proven soon laid him low. He died on it to God, and so that is enough.

February 27, 1862, in the twenty-"I suppose it is, but a guy likes some credit for his work. And as been a Passionist five years and for attending to the furnace-this furnace and every other furnace is nothing on earth but a plague.

"Well, George," replied Mrs. King, attending to furnaces is a duty; it The reputation of Gabriel for sanctity attracted thousands to his may be a plague, as you say, but we won't argue about that. It is a duty, tomb as to a sacred shrine; and so many miracles were attributed to his duty nevertheless. Fidelity to duty is the training that makes a hero. Those who are faithful over little bestowed upon him the title of things will be faithful over great "Venerable" after due examina-things. Shirk little tasks and bigger tion of his life and miracles had been made; and Plus X. declared him "Blessed" in May, 1908. Now he has been raised to the highest tasks will shirk you. You won't measure up to them, you'll be a failure, simply because you have not prepared for them by fidelity to duty. honors of the Church by the glori-Duty first, and dreams afterward, is reigning Supreme Pontiff, a good recipe for heroship." George was silent for a moment.

Benedict XV. What an attractive exemplar is and then he put down his book. "Well, I guess you're right," he admitted at last, and going down offered the ordinary youth by this simple sketch of the life of St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows! How edifyinto the basement, he put coal on the furnace and fixed it for the The careers of night. "I guess what mother said is about right," he told himself. "and if I

so marked with such extraordinary he told himself, "and if I want to be a hero I'll start training Duty first and dreams afterward will be my motto."--Extension Magazine. beyond his ability ; but St. Gabriel's A CHILD'S PRAYER

As Mme. L- was walking along a

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he never speaks of God and rich people without getting very angry." This story gave the good lady an idea. She made the child promise Well, I don't," confessed George, to say "Our Father" once every day. and "Hail Mary" ten times, and sent her home laden with food.

A month later, the child came to see her benefactress, her face radiant this time.

'Madame, papa would like to see you, but he is afraid to come here," she exclaimed.

This difficulty was soon overcome. Mme. L-- hurried to him. She found the surroundings as poor as ever, but the man's face wore a look that expressed the change that had taken place in his heart. Madame," he said respectfully,

"I can't tell how it happened, but I hardly know myself. On hearing the child say 'Our Father' and 'Hail Mary,' I was at first impatient because she said them so many times. Then, after a few days, I found myself repeating the prayers with her mechanically, remembering that my poor wife did the same thing. Then, by degrees, my heart softened. I The Tablet.

felt sorry for my wickedness and for my insolence to you when you came

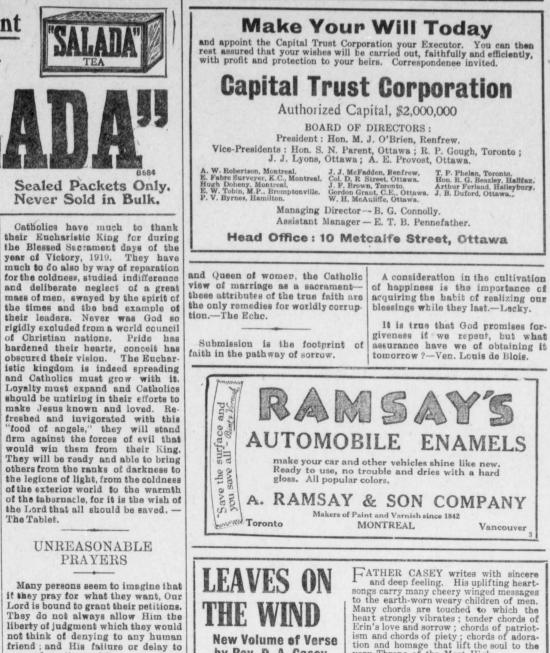
ieroes. Gee, when "They may be," mother replied, "They may be," mother replied, they can be. The only reason that they can be. The only reason that they can be and the replied, also God's forgivenes. This was freely granted, and the kind hady interested herself in the the family so that there was no more want. Thus, by means of the pravers of a

child, a soul was saved and brought to God.

CORPUS CHRISTI

There is no holier, no happier our prayers are as unreasonable as the demand of a child to be allowed Feast than that of Corpus Christi, the glorification of the Blessed Sacraa razor, or a dynamits cartridge, for a plaything. Still others pay no heed ment, the "Body of Christ." Holy Mother Church commemorates the to the Divine understanding of the institution of the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday, but only for a day fitness of things, and plead for the immediate accomplishment of what can she rejoice in this sad, solemn time of Holy Week. Holy Thursday requires a long time to bring to pase: as when we pray for a change in character in a friend, and are disis like a mere flash of glory soon to be shrouded by the gloom of Good tressed because no immediate trans-Friday. Hence the Thursday after formation is witnessed. Many s the Octave of Pentecost has been petition is appointed as the great day of the offered up in the wrong spirit. Such year to sing the praises of the Euch. would have been those in the test aristic Lord. Not for a day only, case proposed a few years since by a though, but for the octave, eight famous scientist, in which the numdays, does the Spouse of Christ ber of cures in a certain hospital where the patients were to be prayed celebrate in fitting splendor the ineffable mystery of the most subfor was to be compared to that of lime of the Sacraments. Day after day, the Mass of Corpus Christi, cures in another hospital for whose patients no prayers were to be offered. Petitions offered merely an inspired paean of ardent love from the pen of the angelic Thomas, with a purpose to test God mechaniis said and sung in adoration and cally, and in a spirit of rivalry, can praise of God's greatest gift to man, not be expected to be heard ; and the Jesus in the most Blessed Sacrament, proposition very properly was What more inspiring sight could refused. An unreasonable petition

be found than a multitude of the faithful on bended knee, with bowed has no more reason to expect favor. able answer than when made to a head at the Consecration of the heroes and martyrs call yearly to us hope that, through the intercession street of Lyons, one cold day, she Mass or at Benediction of the for remember them and to cherish of the Blessed Virgin, and by the saw a little girl about seven years Blessed Sacrament? No monarch fellow man, except, possibly, in view of the fact that God's or forbearance is unspeakably greater than that of any mere man. He who ever received such constant and sincere tribute from his subjects. would receive the desired response to Would that all men were on their his petitions must take care that they knees in adoration before the Holy of are reasonable and right : must draw Holies. What a spectacle, Christ's near to God humbly and reverently kingdom truly come upon earth ! must defer cheerfully to the Divin The Lord of the Eucharist dominat-Wisdom, and must appreciate the ing the hearts and minds of all men, great privilege of holding converse with the Almighty at all, spart from illuminating, strengthening, purify-Catholics really experience all any possible benefits to be gained .this and are moved to wonder that other men, feeling their own needi-Catholic Columbian.



It is true that God promises forgiveness if we repent, but what assurance have we of obtaining it



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their memories, and we heed the mercy of God, we too, may attain call; shall we turn deaf ears to the the glory of the saints of Heaven. annual call of the Sacred Heart upon our gratitude ? Force will avail not, neither will fear; unless our grati-tude itself waxes strong and virile, in vain shall they call who remind us of the suffering of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is a question of repaying a personal debt not to the country, not to heroes in arms, but to Him Who has loved us so much Through Mary's Heart most pure that gladly did He lay down his life Each sorrow that today my heart is for us upon a cross of infamy .- St. To suffer and endure Paul Bulletin.

AN INSPIRING EXEMPLAR

Blessed Margaret Mary Alocoque Each pang of pain and loss, and Blessed Gabriel dell' Addolorata have been canonized with all the I place upon the rugged crest of grand ceremonial of the Church. Beside the saving Cross. The saintly virgin, to whom was I offer Thee, O Sacred Heart of voucheafed the inestimable favor of the apparitions of Our Divine Lord Each thought of mine today showing her the Heart that shed Its Blood for the redemption of man, and the further honor of initiating the devotion to that Sacred Heart, The words that I shall say : is well known generally to the Cath-olics of the entire world. The devo-With perfect love and trust, tion of the first Friday of the month has spread her fame far and wide.

Blessed Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows, however, has not been so My pathway through the dust. well known up to the present time ; but we venture to predict that he noonday And at the evening's close is destined to become one of the most popular saints in the ecclesiastical calendar, because his life was of such a character that it can not fail to make an irresistible appeal to the average person. A glance at his career suggests at once his extra-Thy glory And win the sweet rewardordinary availability as an attractive model for youth, especially for boys and young men.

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The welcome of my Lord. Francis Possenti was born eightytwo years ago at Assisi, made famous another Saint Francis, the overello." He was educated by by Poverello." the Brothers of the Christian Schools, and later attended the Jesuit college Spoleto. His straightforward, manly ways made him a favorite with all with whom he came in contact. He was a natural, boys' boy. early J. At times he was not as studious as Indians.

old, half clad, dipping comething in the icy water of a fountain. Carious -Catholic Telegraph. to know what the child was doing,

A MORNING OFFERING

Each grief that shall encompass me

with sadness,

Jesus!

fated

Calvary,

Jesus!

hours.

Thy graces

hilltops

kingdom,

A lengthening shadow throws

the lady approached her. What are you doing, little girl ?" OUR BOYS AND GIRLS she asked. I'm washing my dress.'

You should put on another one while you do it." said the lady. offer Thee, O Sacred Heart of This is the only one I have.' What is your name? Mary." Where are your parents ?"

My mother is dead and my father is home sick." 'Take me to your house.'

The child looked at the stranger with fear, then, reassured by the affectionate smile that met her eyes, she held out her little half frozen hand into that of her new-found friend and led the way to the squalid tensment nearby. This they entered and, stopping before a door, the

child called out : I offer Thee the deeds of all the "Paps, here's a lady that wants to see you !"

To see me? A lady? Some rich My heart and mind, my hand and brain I bring Thee person who wants to enjoy the sight

And beg of Thee to brighten with room, said gently :

'I have come to offer you help.'

"I don't want anything except to O Sacred Heart of Jesus; in the be let alone in peace in my own house," replied the man, taking the When every sun ray as it strikes the on the table and tossing it contemptuously away. There was nothing more to be

Make strong my heart to battle for and whispered : And place within the shelter of Thy

HEROES George was reading his history and lost to all the world, for George was story. a boy, and a boy loves his dinner and tales of Indians almost as well as his

dog. The part of the history which George was studying dealt with the early Jesuit missions among the ness and helplessness, do not seek and find the Saviour. Why do men THE NEW WOMAN find it so difficult to embrace the mysteries of faith? Why is the in-

comprehensible in religion so repul-sive to the natural sense of man-In a very interesting communication to the London Catholic weekly kind? Two reasons have been pointed out, and they seem to fit Universe, Mr. Louis Vincent points out that, under the changed condipresent conditions more than ever. In the first place, men do not truly tions of modern life, women who have not the Christian ideal are realize the extremely limited range of their own faculties, and, secondly, inclined to exaggerate the value of their new status and depreciate the they have never thoroughly mastered importance of their principal and the fact that innumerable mysteries God-given mission to be mothers and home-makers. Everything, he says, exist all around them, even in the

tends to aid this deception. The most ordinary objects of daily life. In a word, pride and conceit blind talk of "surplus women," the great of my poverty, I suppose. Tell her to go away." The lady, who had entered the who do not know the Lord, who men and women ignore Him in their councils, who godless compact. men and women to a utilitarian and

Drifting hither and thither, withtrust entirely in themselves. What folly is theirs, for they beget but out any clear idea of her destiny, it bouse," replied the man, taking the contrasion and their labors come is indeed not surprising that the piece of money the visitor had laid to naught. How different from the modern woman is seething with unsplendid example of that intrepid rest, that her idea of happiness grows leader of the French armies, who found time to assist at Mass, who more materialistic, and that peac recedes from her as she herself done, so the lady kissed the little girl had faith to receive the Holy Euchargrows more and more apart from the old sweet things that her mother ist, who had the wisdom to ask the little children to do likewise for the cherished.

"Meet me at the fountain." Several weeks passed by without any news of the child, although the fountain had been closely watched. The second several weeks of the allied cause. Here was a true leader in Israel, one who sought the aid of the Lord of the Lord of Hoets. He went to the Font of There is a great opportunity for Catholic women to combat the moral anarchy which dominates their sex. Finally, she was found begging in of Hosts. He went to the Font of the streets. This time the lady took Light and Strength and came away Theirs is a sacred duty and the proud privilege to set an example to her home and learned her sad little refreshed and invigorated, ready their less fortunate sisters and there-by to help raise the standard of to prosecute his work to a successful

"Mamma was very good," she said. "Every morning and night she had me say 'Our Father' and 'Hail Mary.' Papa was good then, too, but after mamma died, he grew sad. He reads big papers, now, and morals regulating the conduct of men to the elevation of their own. The Catholic ideals of family life Catholic reverence for women as exemplified in the cult paid to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God



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