

FIVE-MINUTE SERMON. Third Sunday after Easter.

THE PATRONAGE OF ST. JOSEPH.

"The blessings of thy Father are strengthened with the blessings of his father, until the desire of the head of Joseph and upon the crown of the Nazarene among His brethren." (Gen. xlix. 26)

Why do we believe that St. Joseph is the greatest saint after the Blessed Virgin, and therefore most powerful after her in his intercession with God? To answer this question we must consider as best we can the nature of his relationship with God, for by this alone can the greatness of sanctity be measured.

Let us with the eyes of faith, for they are keener than the eyes of sense, look more closely into his relationship, first with Jesus and then with Mary, and perhaps we may catch a glimpse of the greatness of our saint and prove his power of intercession.

With regard to Jesus—St. Joseph was His Father in everything but generation, and although he did not possess fatherhood in the ordinary sense of the word, nevertheless the God Who sustains and Who sometimes suspends the laws of nature breathed into his soul a parent's love and gave him the rights of a father, and therefore well does Holy Writ verify these rights when it tells of the Blessed Virgin: "and He was subject to them." It supports a maternal claim when it gives him the privilege of naming the Holy Child: "and thou shalt call His Name Jesus."

Considering his relation to our Blessed Mother—she was his Virgin wife as she was also the immaculate bride of the Holy Ghost, and the nature of the spousal contract being forever virginal, made the contracting parties more acceptable; for the spiritual not only purifies but intensifies to an almost infinite degree the power of love.

Now, the nearness of St. Joseph's relationship with God is obvious from what we have said, and that he is nearest after the Blessed Virgin in this relationship is also obvious; and since we measure sanctity by the degree of nearness to God, we therefore conclude that he is the greatest saint after the Blessed Virgin.

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change in economic conditions. Hence the consistent follower of this social philosophy looks upon Christianity as the outgrowth of the present industrial order, and expects that the Socialist will produce an entirely different religion. In all probability the majority of those who call themselves Socialists in America neither understand nor accept the Socialist philosophy, but the leaders and scholars accept it, and the literature of the movement reflects it in varying degrees.

It is clear that one cannot adopt the Socialist philosophy and remain a Catholic. And it seems overwhelmingly probable that no Catholic is permitted actively to identify himself with the Socialist movement, for example, by propagating its literature or by enrolling himself in the Socialist party. To do so is to give direct and immediate aid in the constant propagation of ideas that make for the destruction of the religion of Christ.

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Thoroughly Cooked Food

All cereals should be thoroughly cooked to get the best results for food purposes. In our Canadian Agriculture Colleges they have tested the effect of cooking on the solubility of foods.

Table with 4 columns: Cereal Type, Time Cooked, P. C. Solids Soluble in Water, and P. C. Solids Insoluble in Water. Rows include ROLLED OATS and WHEAT FLOUR.

You will notice the gradual rise in percentage due to long cooking. Very few homes are equipped to spend the time or fuel necessary to properly prepare cereals. By a system of steam pressure and heavy machinery the ORANGE MEAT people thoroughly clean and steam cook the wheat, then malt and flake each grain, after which it is dried and toasted.

of things; but Essential Socialism would conserve such possession, not only with regard to the kinds of property just enumerated, but also to food, clothing, furniture and all other goods of consumption. The Socialism of the Encyclical would "rob a man of what his own labor had produced," that is, his improvements on the land; but Essential Socialism would allow him the full benefit of these both as to enjoyment and ownership, taking only the rental value of the land exclusive of the improvements.

The question asked at the head of this article may now be answered in the form of the following summary and conclusion of our study: While a Catholic is not justified either in taking an active part in the present Socialist movement, or in accepting the scientific Socialist philosophy, he may, subject to the very important hypothesis that it would be practically believe in Essential Economic Socialism.

THE NEGRO ASKS "WHY HAS NOT YOUR RELIGION BEEN PRESENTED TO US BEFORE THIS?" At the conclusion of a mission for the little Catholic parish at Oberlin, Ohio, the Cleveland Apostolate was invited to devote a second week to the conversion of the negroes of that famous college town.

A large inquiry class was formed, fifty-three adults. It is not expected that all of these will persevere; every genuine convert, however, should become a Catholic. When told that conditional baptism is given in case of doubt, she said: "Right so, I always like to be baptized again every time I join a new church."

FOR BUSINESS REASONS. CITIZENS OF HELENA ARE RAISING \$50,000 TO FINISH CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL. The citizens of Helena, Mont., irrespective of creed, are joining in a movement to raise a fund for the completion of the Catholic Cathedral under construction in that city.

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