

The Sign of the Cross.

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With the holy cross myself I sign: From forehead to breast the upright line, From shoulder to shoulder, from arm to arm, My soul and body to save from harm.

FIVE-MINUTE SERMONS FOR EARLY MASS.

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.

"Lord it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room." Luke 14:23. (Gospel of the day.) There is lot of room in heaven and there is nothing exclusive about salvation.

But, looked at even from a purely physical point of view, the Celestial Kingdom is simply limitless. We know of the existence of twenty millions of charring oaks, and our vegetation are still confined to the outskirts of space.

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OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

A SHORT SERMON.

Children, who read my lay, This much I have to say: Each day, and every day, Do what is right.

Mgr. Dupanloup tells us: "Every one on earth has something to do, a path to follow, an end to attain, a labor to accomplish, a place to occupy; in a word, grave obligations, serious duties to fulfill."

A young lady had gone out walking. She forgot to take her purse with her, and had no money in her pocket. Presently she met a little girl with a basket on her arm.

"Please, miss, will you buy something from my basket?" said the little girl, showing a variety of book marks, watch-cases, needle-books, etc.

"I'm sorry I can't buy anything to-day," said the young lady. "I have not any money with me. Your things look very pretty."

"That was 'considering the poor.'" How little it costs to do that! Let us learn to speak kindly and gently to the poor and suffering.

I WAS WRONG; FORGIVE ME. One morning in Wilkesbarre there was a great colliery explosion. Hundreds of Cornish miners were killed, and their bodies lay at the mouth of the coal mine for recognition.

A TOUCHING STORY OF A SOLDIER'S DEVOTION. Just before one of the great battles of the late civil war—relates one who himself took part in it—when all was hurry and bustle preparing for the morrow's work of death and destruction those who were present Catholics were gathered in great numbers around the tent of their good and devoted chaplain, confessing their sins and preparing themselves as best they could for the probable death and judgment that awaited them in a few hours.

Children, who read my lay, This much I have to say: Each day, and every day, Do what is right. Right things in great and small; Then, though the sky should fall, Sun, moon and stars and all, You shall have light.

Written for the Catholic Mirror.

"LET HIM WHO IS WITHOUT SIN THROW THE FIRST STONE."

BY EMMA HOWARD WIGHT.

"Let him who is without sin throw the first stone." Such was the rebuke uttered by Jesus Christ when on earth, which caused the crowd to fall back ashamed, and such is the rebuke He still whispers to your hearts if we would but listen to it.

That manner of baptism would not do, but the priest took some of the water in the hollow of his hand, and in a few moments the man's soul was purified by the regenerating waters of baptism, and he gave it up joyfully to his Creator.

There is much admirable advice going the rounds of the religious and secular press on the subject of protecting our girls. It is a good thing to seek the protection of young and innocent creatures from all sorts of snares and temptations and dangers that modern social life throws in their way.

THEY MAY PROTECT THEMSELVES.

Since the holding of the Catholic Congress at Baltimore last November there has been a general outburst from the Protestant pulpits all over the country against that horrid thing, "Romanism."

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