

FIVE MINUTE SERMON

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST AS OUR EXAMPLE

We read in today's Gospel that, after St. John's disciples had gone away, our Lord began to speak to the people about Him. He praised St. John for steadfastness, his spirit of mortification and his loyalty to his calling...

1. The first virtue for which our Lord praised St. John was his steadfastness. St. John certainly deserved praise on this account. He was not a man who was not a man with one opinion today and another tomorrow...

Steadfastness is a virtue that is nowadays conspicuous by its absence. If men were more steadfast in their good resolutions, if each of us only did a tenth part of the good that we intend to do, sin and injustice would be to a great extent banished from our midst...

2. Our Lord praised St. John for his spirit of mortification. St. John belonged to a respectable family of priestly rank, and it would have been quite easy for him to supply himself with every comfort...

3. Our Lord praised St. John for his loyalty to his calling. St. John was a prophet, occupying a very difficult position. It was not a pleasant business to be a prophet...

St. John did his work with generosity and loyalty; nothing could turn him aside from what he knew to be his duty. Would that all Christians, and especially all parents and masters, were as faithful and conscientious as St. John in doing their duty towards their children and servants!

NON-CATHOLIC TRIBUTE TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Rev. Dr. Cotter, rector of St. Lawrence Church, Ironton, O., recently celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of his ordination. At the banquet in honor of the occasion, one of the speakers was Joseph A. Miller, former internal revenue commissioner, a non-Catholic. Among other things in his eloquent address Mr. Miller paid the following tribute to the Catholic priesthood:

Chosen for their sacred calling, they devote their youth and early

manhood to preparation for their work, denying themselves all personal comforts; they spend anxious days and restless nights in study and prayer and struggle with the world, and then fully equipped and clothed in armor of heaven, they march forth to battle with the hosts of evil and to point the way to life everlasting; shirking no duty, they teach the ignorant; they heal the sick; they cause the blind to see and the dumb to speak; they bind up bleeding wounds and lift up the fallen; and every act they perform is to the honor and glory of the blessed Babe born in Bethlehem and proclaimed our Saviour, who later suffered the pangs of death upon the Cross of Calvary in order that all men who believe in Him might enjoy the glories of an eternity in heaven...

RELIGION'S PLACE IN SOCIAL DEMOCRACY

All agree that some remedy must be found and found quickly for the misery and wretchedness pressing so heavily upon the vast majority of the working classes, wrote Pope Leo XIII. in his Encyclical on the "Condition of the Working Classes." With tender compassion for the multitude, he did not wish to see the evils against which he inveighed perpetuated through the ages. He tried, therefore, to bring nations, delirious from centuries of political indulgence back to Christian principles.

The Church has always loved those who suffer. She has always taught that public authority established for the common good must work especially to improve conditions of those who suffer. Hence Pope Leo's successors on the throne of Peter have raised their voices again and again in behalf of those who toil.

Recently Pope Benedict XV. in a letter to the French bishops welcomed the steadily rising tide of democracy. He points out the need of having leaders, who will give the world the example of a commonwealth based not only on the people's will but on the moral law, that is, on the will of God. With peculiar emphasis and insistence, the evils of the day are brought home by the Holy Father.

These great evils are the destruction of true religion and learning, by compulsion and state secularization of schools; the destruction of the home by bad housing and divorce; the destruction of the right of private property by its withdrawal from the many and its concentration in the hands of the few and the destruction of freedom by a state of economic and political servility. Yet none of these evils have been brought in by democracy.

Truly effective democracy the Catholic Church has always advanced. Her great theologians like Suarez and Bellarmine have expounded it. Her great thinkers lay and clerical have transmitted it to the world. When Pope Benedict welcomes the rise of democracy he is hoping that true principles will save the world from the dangers and crimes which false theories have brought upon it.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL THINKING

Rev. Charles Plater, S. J., of London, is one of the leading Catholic writers on social problems. In a recent lecture he outlined as follows, according to the London Universe, the paths that lead to better living for the masses of the people who were promised the golden age after the War.

Father Plater said that present day problems need careful, co-operative, and democratic thinking out. They should not be left to the experts. Dealing with the subject of "Property for the People," he said that the first truth, that human life was given to us by God, the Creator, certified the sanctity of life, and ought to have a practical bearing on all immediate social problems. Secondly, life was given to be developed, according to the Creator's plan, on the lines of a healthy body, an active and well-balanced mind, as well as the development of the soul. The third was that the human race was destined to a life hereafter, and the fourth that human beings were not merely victims of chance, but had the power of choice. Every human being had a right to live by the fact that they had Divine descent.

The most valuable thing in the world was personality. It was because it had been subordinate throughout industrial history that the cause of the great difficulties had been caused, and the truth that man was not made to aid machinery, but machinery to aid man, had been neglected. All social reform problems came back to the claim for a reasonable standard of life. Today, we were living under a capitalist system. In

other words, the only way in which the great majority of people could reach that reasonable standard of life to which they had a right was through their wages. By a living wage we should mean enough to enable men to live on that reasonable standard; to have sufficient to develop life, and to marry and bring up a family in reasonable comfort. The claim, therefore, was against the employer; yet it had only been admitted in recent years.

What is the ideal economic system? asked Father Plater. Is it one in which by far the greater portion of the people are depending merely upon their wages? This, he added, is undoubtedly the source of social and economic weakness, but not in carrying on that process further, not in reducing the number of owners of capital, or in concentrating in the hands of a few, the enormous power that capital gave, nor by transferring the capital to a governing body, would they right the wrong. It should be a multiplication and distribution of capital so that they would not have the great bulk of the people without capital, and merely depending on their weekly wage.

CARDINAL MERCIER

TOLLS OF COURAGEOUS SPIRIT OF CHILDREN

In his address at the banquet in his honor in Cincinnati the Cardinal told of the courageous spirit of even the little boys. He said that in the occupied portions of Belgium the Germans reserved the sidewalks for themselves, and required the natives to walk in the streets. One day, as he was looking out of his window, he saw three small Belgian boys walking arm in arm along the sidewalk opposite his residence. While watching them, he noticed several German officers approaching the boys. When they reached the little fellows, they started to brush them aside and into the street, but the brave urbins bristled up and resisted to the best of their ability.

BELGIUM'S BRAVE WOMEN

The women, however, are the bravest of all, said the Cardinal. In 1916 the Germans made this proposition to our workmen: "Will you sign for us an engagement that you will work for us in Germany freely? You will get high salaries; your families here will be supported by the occupying power. If you refuse, your wife and children will suffer hunger and cold; and you will be constrained to hard labor in Germany without any salary."

That was the proposition made to our workmen. Well, dear ladies and gentlemen, we had 70,000 men who refused this offer.

"DO NOT SIGN!"

Their wives exhorted them to refuse—not to sign. The motto was: "Do not sign." Mothers exhorted their sons not to sign.

I was once witness of a wonderful spectacle. They had arrested some hundred women who had refused their signature. The wives and the mothers tried to approach the station where the train was starting for Germany. The military authorities prevented the mothers and children from going to the station. What did the mothers and wives do? They left the vicinity of the station and ran down the railroad track. They mounted the embankments, and at the moment the train passed through, they were all shouting, "Do not sign. Never sign!"

I was a witness to that. I saw afterward a great many of those workmen, coming back, physically exhausted, but still proud because they had led to their family, to their sons, a tradition of honor, of honesty, of the spirit of freedom, triumphing above persecution.

A TOUCHING STORY

In conclusion, I would like to give you an example of the energy, devotion and patriotism of our girls. The girl, to whom I allude, was at the outbreak of the War nineteen years old. Her name was Gabrielle Fritz. She was engaged.

When the War broke out she sent her fiancé to the War, to Liege. There was the first battle to oppose the German colossus. This young boy was wounded there. The girl nursed him, and when he recovered, she sent him through the electric wires to join our army, telling him: "When you are away, I shall find means to do my duty in our country myself."

She did. She affiliated herself with one of those secret organizations for furnishing information to the Allies. Unfortunately, after six months those in the group to which she belonged were arrested and put in prison, some of them being condemned to death. She herself, escaped. Immediately she said to herself: "I know enough of the organization to begin a new secret group."

She formed it. Three months afterward this new group was arrested, and she appeared before a court-martial. There a German officer said to her: "Give the names of your comrades, and you may go free. If you refuse, you will be sentenced to death."

Please remember these words, which I quote textually. She answered: "How is it possible that an officer would lower himself to put such a question? I shall teach you what honor is, if you don't know it. I shall show you how a Belgian girl can die for her king and for her country." She was led to the place of execution. They offered her a bandage for

her eyes. She refused, saying: "I shall face death."

She had first asked the authorities to get her wedding garments. Her request was granted, and she died garbed in those wedding garments, shouting, "Vive la Belgique!" His Eminence concluded his address by again thanking Cincinnatians for their generosity toward the Belgians, closing with the words, "I thank you; I esteem you; I love you."—Catholic Telegraph.

MARY IMMACULATE

FEAST DECEMBER 8

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which we celebrate tomorrow, is one of the outstanding feasts in the calendar of the Church. It is a day that should be dear to the heart of every Catholic. We love to honor the Mother of God; we rejoice in her exaltation. On this feast day, we greet her as immaculate, even at the first instant of her conception; we acclaim the singular privilege conferred on her by God, a privilege that places her far above all the sons and daughters of Adam. We honor her whom the King has so singularly honored. "Thou art wholly beautiful, Oh! Mary, there is no stain in thee. Hail! Full of grace, pray for us, who have recourse to thee."

At first thought it may seem strange that this glorious feast should be placed in the sombre season of Advent. But on reflection, we recall that it was in December, 1854, that the Vatican Council, with Pope Pius IX. at its head, with due solemnity and fullness of authority, declared and defined as a dogma of faith that Mary was conceived without the stain of original sin. 'Twas fitting then that this great event should be commemorated each year at this particular time, that the feast of the Immaculate Conception should be observed on the 8th of December. This solemn definition did not mean the introduction of a new doctrine, nor did it mean any change in the teachings of the Church. It simply meant that a doctrine which was known and believed by the Catholic Church, even in its earliest ages, was now set forth in definite terms and stamped with the seal of truth by the highest authority on earth, under the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Ghost. 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