

**FIVE-MINUTE SERMON.**  
**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost.**  
**SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY.**  
 To-day, my dear brethren, is Rosary Sunday, and we cannot do better than to consider this morning the excellence of this popular devotion and the spiritual advantages that flow from its cultivation. The Rosary is one of the oldest special devotions in the Catholic Church, and it is the most universal because it appeals to the faith and fervor and intelligence of all classes. It combines the highest forms of vocal and mental prayer—the prayers taught us by our Blessed Redeemer Himself, by the Angel Gabriel, by St. Elizabeth, and by the holy Church, and its meditations embrace the chief events in the divine life of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It is, in fact, a sort of summary of the Gospels, and supplies in a simple way the very best spiritual nutriment to the Christian soul.

The prayer of the Rosary is offered up to Almighty God through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin, and six long centuries bear witness to its efficacy. The devotion of the beads was, as you know, introduced by the great St. Dominic in the thirteenth century, and ever since his time it has been a favorite form of prayer with the saints of God. It has been approved again and again by the Supreme authority in the Church, and several of the Popes have enriched it with indulgences, and the practice of it has come to be regarded as a mark of the true spirit of Catholic faith and loyalty, and even as an earnest of perseverance and salvation. Our past great Pontiff, Leo XIII, had the greatest devotion to it, and recommended its recital as a most certain means of obtaining the divine assistance for the needs of the Church in our day.

With this end in view he established the October devotions, and he implored the faithful throughout the world to say the Rosary every day during this month for the general good of religion. And surely every Catholic in whose heart there is any real love of God and His Holy Church will gladly unite with the Vicar of Christ in telling his beads for the religious welfare of mankind. But our devotion to the Rosary should not be confined to one month in the year; it should be as constant as the rising and setting of the sun itself. It should be a daily form of prayer with each and every one of us.

There is no household worthy of the name of a Christian home in which the Rosary should not be recited every evening as a family prayer; and there is no individual Catholic man or woman, no matter what their station or condition may be, who should not carry their beads, and say them regularly; to have their names enrolled in the confraternity of the Living Rosary, and take part in their world-wide communion of prayer and propitiation. For, beset as we are by spiritual dangers and temptations, we need a special bond of union and strength, and where can we find one more simple and efficacious than this?

Have you troubles in your family? Say the beads every day, and see if your troubles will not cease? Have you passions to overcome? Recite the Rosary faithfully, and see if you will not gain the mastery over them? Some time ago a poor slave of intemperance came to take the pledge; he acknowledged that he had broken through the pledge several times already. "Are you really in earnest?" Do you want to get rid of the cursed passion for drink?" the priest asked. "If you are in earnest go to the sacrament, and go to work and say the Rosary every day, that you may have grace to persevere in keeping your pledge." "Father," said he, "I'll do it. I'll go and get beads and have them blessed at once." And the poor fellow has said the Rosary every day since, and he has kept his pledge. How many homes in our midst would be so happy if the victims of this horrible vice would follow this example and apply this simple remedy! For there is no vice that may not be overcome by persevering in prayers, and there is no prayer more powerful than the prayer of the Rosary.

**CHICAGO POLICE ARREST BOGUS RELIGIOUS WHO PRETENDED TO BE CONDUCTING A HOME FOR ORPHANS.**  
 Last week the New World leveled a severe editorial against a group of alleged priests and nuns residing at 293 Thirtieth street, this city. In plain language we asked if nothing could be done to suppress the bogus mendicants who resided at that number and persisted in going about dressed as religious while soliciting alms in saloons and dives, thereby bringing disgrace upon self-sacrificing Catholic nuns. The answer came almost immediately.

Tuesday evening detectives from Inspector Wheeler's office made sudden raid upon the alleged orphan asylum and captured four young women who ranged in age from fifteen to twenty years. The head of the "Home," Antonio de Lubiez, who sometimes, it is said, represented himself to be an "Old Catholic" priest, sometimes an Independent Polish priest, escaped despite the precautions of the police.

Brought before the inspector, after arrest, the youthful nuns admitted that the few alleged orphans in the asylum were treated brutally. They also admitted that carousing took place in the institution long after midnight and made charges of immorality. Mrs. Mary Pillar, formerly a domestic in the asylum, declared:

"I never heard such a profane and vile-speaking man as 'Father' De Lubiez was. He never thought of the little girls he was wronging and causing to beg, nor of the orphans who often heard him, but he swore just like a trooper. The home should have been raided long ago, for I have seen drunken carousals in the place at all hours of the day and night. He knew that the police were on his trail, for every night he crawled into the home as if he expected to be caught. I doubt if the police will get him now, but I will surely appear against him when he is caught."

The young women asserted that they were forced to beg. Each morning it was their duty to don nun's habits and go forth among the Poles, Bohemians and people of every race, soliciting charity. They usually turned over large sums at evening and at night discarded their nun's robes for street gowns. The eight or ten children kept in the asylum as a blind were cruelly treated, half-starved and shockingly dressed.

A search through police records revealed that fake priest Lubiez was arrested and fined a year ago. During the examination Wednesday Dean Summer of St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal cathedral called on Inspector Wheeler and, from the description given of the "priest," declared him to be the same man who, under the name of Father Leo Pocheica, begged for assistance from him a year ago and remained his guest until it was discovered that his conduct was questionable. He had with him then a woman dressed as a nun, who is now a levee character, according to the dean.

It is believed by the police that this week's raid will wind up the fake priest business in this city for some time to come. Detectives are still seeking for Dubiez, and if caught he will most probably receive a sentence that will keep him busy for several months, if not years.—Chicago New World.

**DO WOMEN DO TOO MUCH?**

IN THE CHURCH ARE THEY PERFORMING THE WORK THAT MEN SHOULD DO?

These timely inquiries are suggested by an article by "Looker-On" in the Boston Pilot, in which the writer seems to admit that his attitude is that ordinarily assumed by the male Catholic. "The Church," he says, "owes much to women. We must ever return in thankfulness to that wonderful scene of the Annunciation and those words, on which so much depended, words spoken by her who was to be the Mother of God: 'Behold the handmaid of the Lord.' In the beginnings of Christianity in Rome and other cities of the Empire, many noble, devoted and wealthy women became real foster mothers to the infant churches, providing for them a place of worship and of burial. In the long procession of saints, the women martyrs and confessors of the faith kept steady step with those of the sterner sex. Not a page of ecclesiastical history but sparkles with the heroic piety and deeds of Catholic women. In their hands began the first have been the care and early education of those who were to advance the Kingdom of God. And to-day, in education, charity and devoted service their work and devotion is a glory to the Church and their sex.

"The activity of women in the service of God has been and is so great and continuous that sometimes one may wonder if indeed they have not done too much, not for the Church or themselves, but of the work that men should do. It has come to this, that outside the priesthood, laymen often consider their duty done when they attend Mass and contribute money. The financial generosity of men supports the schools, hospitals, asylums and pious institutions, but most of the practical work and personal service is in the hands of women. More than this, in the family the wife and mother are often compelled to do missionary work to bring husbands and sons to their duty. Whenever a mission takes place, the women come first in order that their zeal may impel the men of the family to a renewal of piety. So far has this gone, that you may sometimes hear people say that religion is principally for women. It is an insensate and shameful statement for men to make, but they make it.

"It would be a very sad and lamentable thing if the praiseworthy zeal and devotion of women cooled the spirit of Catholic men towards their plain and well-understood duty towards their religion. There are two examples which may well give us food for thought. Mohammedanism is a man's religion. To the Turk, women are pretty, soulless playthings. The energetic profession and practice of his religion by the Mohammedan are proverbial. In so far as its personal service and self sacrifice, it quite tends to shame the assistance and indifference of the average male Catholic. It would really seem that laymen have insensibly withdrawn from the sphere of church activity with the idea more or less defined that it is woman's work.

"We have all read of what has lately taken place in France. After a glorious Catholic history, extending through centuries, the Catholic Church of France has been put in the street. Many circumstances have contributed to this deplorable result, and he would be a very unwise man who would attempt to lay his finger on the ultimate cause of it, but those who ponder the event may well take into consideration that for several generations the Catholic laymen of France have been conspicuous by their absence from Mass and every other Church matter. It has been left to the women. When, therefore, the trouble became so widespread and evident that men loyal to the Church were needed to take the hand, the laymen had forgotten that they had any interest in the matter at all.

"In this country, heretofore, circumstances have been kind. Petty persecution, race feeling, poverty, have solidified Catholics and warned off from them many dangers to their faith. These have to a great measure disappeared. On the other hand, life has become very complicated, much of the ecclesiastical work has so grown that it is a system, more or less official and mechanical. The layman all too easily convinces himself that there is nothing for him to do except pay money and present himself more or less regularly at Mass.

"This is a very dangerous sentiment if it is allowed to become general. System and money count for little if the hearts of Catholic laymen are not with the good work that is going forward. The day will come when an issue must be met, an issue that can be decided in favor of the Church only by the fact that Catholic laymen are interested and energetic in ecclesiastical matters.

"All honor to women for what they have done and are doing every day. This does not free us from our responsibilities. The spiritual prosperity of any parish is at stake when all the practical work of the laity is done by women, and the men content themselves with nominal attendance and service. It is not a matter in which we can lay down laws and give definite counsel; it is a matter for the conscience and deep consideration of each layman who can do much and is doing almost nothing. Religion is man's work. Christ selected men not women to guide and manage the Church. He needs men to co-operate with these guides and managers if the Church is to do the work which it was founded successfully and with due regard for those who are to come after us in the faith."

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