

THE MIRACULOUS PREFACE.—The preface of the Mass on feasts of the Blessed Virgin is called the Miraculous Preface ; for, as the legend goes, the greater part was miraculously put on the lips of Pope Urban II, as he was one day singing High Mass in the church of our Blessed Lady at Placentia. He began by chanting the common preface, but when he had come to that part where the prefaces generally turn off to suit the occasion he is said to have heard angels singing. He afterward caused their words to be inserted in the common preface at the council of Placentia in 1095.—Ave Maria.

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The Holy Sacrifice was recently offered at Annecy, the capital of Upper Savoy, under circumstances of particular interest. The youngest son of a family which has already given three priests to the Church was the celebrant. It was his first Mass, and his assistants at the altar were his three brothers, one of whom is a Trappist.

The young priest is destined for service in Cochinchina.

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### PRAYERS SOLICITED.

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1. That the contemplation of the sweet Christ-Child weeping in the cold and misery of the Crib of Bethlehem, may inspire the rich and comfortable to generously aid the poor.

2. That the Virgin Mother may take under her special protection, and guard the innocence of all the little ones born during these blessed days consecrated to maternal joys.

3. That Saint Joseph, the head of the Holy Family, may hasten to assist all those fathers who are out of work, whose families are needy for bread.

4. For all the numerous intentions of persons who recommend themselves to our prayers, and, particularly, for the success of a work eminently patriotic and christian.

LET US PRAY FOR THE DEAD, particularly, for : The Right Revd. MOTHER DU BON PASTEUR, Provincial Superiour of the Sisters of the Presentation, deceased at St-Hyacinthe. For MM. Victor Gladu, at