



ST. ALPHONSUS.

Doctor of the Church and Founder of the Redemptorists—His Centenary on the 2nd August—Interesting Sketch of His Career—A Good Work Accomplished by the Redemptorist Fathers Since They Took Charge of St. Ann's Church in this City.

On Tuesday next, August 2nd, the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists) throughout the world will celebrate the Centenary of their Founder, St. Alphonsus de Liguori...

Alfonso Maria de Liguori was born in Marinella, in the suburbs of Naples, on the 27th of September, 1696. In early youth he was distinguished by a brilliant career...

His first desire was to join the Congregation of the Oratory; but being unable to do this on account of the opposition of his father...

On February 25, 1749, Pope Benedict XIV. approved the rules and confirmed the new institute by a solemn approbation. St. Alphonsus had called his congregation by the name of the Most Holy Saviour...

St. Alphonsus died on August 2, 1787, in his ninety-first year. Before his death he foretold the spread of his congregation beyond the Alps...

Most of the Irish members of Parliament returned to Ireland to spend their vacation after the wearying struggle in the House over the Coercion Bill.

WAYS OF SOCIETY.

His Tyranny, Follies and Fashions Described—A Telling Sermon—Cardinal Manning on the Earthly and the Heavenly-Minded.

The Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster preached recently at the Church of Our Lady, St. John Wood, London. His Eminence taking for his text the words: "Therefore, if you be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above..."

Our Divine Lord, when the forty days were accomplished, led His disciples out of Betaniam, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them...

Well, the question of the angel is easily answered. They were looking up because their hearts had ascended with Him who was taken from them. This was a great lesson for us...

Next, the desires of the eyes—what are they? They are the refined sins, not the gross sins of the body, but the refined sins of the mind and the will and the imagination...

These are the things of the world, and if men give their hearts to these things, then assuredly they are most earthly. And what it is to be Heavenly-minded? That is, when the heart is unfolded and brightened and matured and expanded in its union with God...

Our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIII., in honor of the glorious event of the Centenary of St. Alphonsus has been pleased to grant the special favor of a solemn Triduum, or three days celebration, in commemoration of his saintly death...

During the Octave of the Feast (August 2nd to 9th inclusive) there will be every evening at half-past seven Rosary, short instruction and Benediction.

CATHOLIC NEWS.

The largest clock in St. Louis has been placed in the west tower of St. Joseph's Church. It is the gift of the Married Men's Sodality of that parish with the assistance of their generous friends.

Quite recently the Very Rev. Father Villars, O.P., provincial of the Dominican Fathers in California, celebrated his golden jubilee, which was the fiftieth anniversary of his first Mass.

Leo XIII. has increased the number of members of the Academia dei Nuovi Lincei from 30 to 40, and has also added the rule which obliges every member to be a man of letters.

Mlle. Therese Alphonse Karr, daughter of Alphonse Karr, the celebrated French author, and herself a writer of considerable ability, which she zealously employed in behalf of the Catholic cause...

In 1848 there were but thirty adult Irish Catholics in the city of Montreal. Canada was then a wilderness, and the only religious service by Father Richards, Sulphur, in the Bonsecours church.

AN AWFUL DISASTER. EIGHT HUNDRED PEOPLE LOST IN A STEAMER IN THE BAY OF BENGAL. SAN FRANCISCO July 25.—The steamer City of Rio de Janeiro arrived last night, bringing Hong Kong advices to July 1, and Okohama news to July 9th.

PRESENTATIONS BY MR. AND MRS. DAVITT. DUBLIN, July 25.—Michael Davitt and wife attended a meeting at Bodelyke, yesterday, and made presents of money and medals to a number of girls who defended their homes against the police during the recent evictions.

OHOLERA'S VICTIMS. LONDON, July 25.—Forty-nine new cases of cholera and twenty-two deaths from the disease were reported at Catania on Saturday. At Francororta there were fourteen new cases and seven deaths.

THE CRIMES ACT.

All of Ireland Proclaimed—Mr. Balfour Explains Why It Was Done—Mr. Chamberlain's Power Felt in the Cabinet.

News has been received from Jerusalem of the death of the eminent Pere Matthieu Leconte, O.P. Pere Leconte was recognized as a master of the art of sacred oratory and was regarded as one of the best preachers of his time.

A Catholic Congress for all Austria has been planned for several years past, and an attempt was made to hold one in 1883, at the centenary of the liberation of Vienna.

Catholic mothers, beware of the entrance of the vile literature of the day into your families. Beware and watch with a zealous eye the books and papers your children peruse.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS last night went into committee on the Land bill. Upon taking up the first clause extending to lessors the benefits of the act of 1881 Mr. Parnell proposed an amendment.

THE REV. MR. SCOTT'S VIEW—A PROPOSITION. The Rev. Dr. Shaw, president of the Methodist Conference, and other friends of the Protestant Indians, are making considerable trouble at Oka. They coolly have proposed to build a Protestant church on the ground owned by the Seminary of St. Sulpice.

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