

FIVE-MINUTE SERMON. Eighteenth 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 prayer of the Rosary is offered up to Almighty God through the invocation 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.

With this end in view he has established the October devotions, and he implores 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.

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; nay, more, all good Catholics ought to have their names enrolled in the Confraternity of the living Rosary, and take part in their world-wide communion of prayer and propitiation.

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.

"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 made 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 prayer, and there is no prayer more powerful than the prayer of the Rosary.

STARVING FAITH.

"He read himself out of the Catholic Church." The statement is not altogether absurd. Such things happen—once in a great while. But it was not the wide extent of his reading that weakened his Catholic faith, and finally left him an agnostic or an indifferentist. It was the character of the little reading in which he indulged.

He read only the daily papers with their sensations and scandals, a few magazine articles and fewer books—these last of a doubtful character. In the course of time he grew careless about his religion. He felt superior to it and did not see the use of it. He considered himself as good, if not better than the men about him who attended Mass every Sunday and approached the Sacraments regularly. Soon he neglected his religion altogether and became one of the millions without a church. He had "read himself out of the church."

But how much had he read? Nothing solid or learned. He had simply limited his reading acquaintance to ephemeral and irrelevant writers, while the great libraries of Catholic literature were unknown to him. It was his lack of reading that killed his faith and left him without any religion. He had starved his faith and it was no wonder that in time it became very weak and finally died. It was a natural process.

There are thousands of homes in this country in which the process of starving faith is going on. You may find the daily paper and the current magazines there. The latest novel is also to be found on the centre table. But where is the Catholic literature, where the solid religious books of devotion? They are not there and faith is being starved—perhaps slowly—but none the less surely. A diet of irrelevant reading will always produce disastrous results.—True Voice.

A PETULANT CHURCH.

EPISCOPALIAN IRRITATION AT LOSS EXPRESSES ITSELF IN VARIOUS WAYS.

Episcopalianism does not readily recover from the irritation caused by the loss of converts to the Catholic Church. It has been worried, too, because the vicar of St. Mary's, Wolverton, England, has recently been sentenced by the secular court for putting in practice his belief that the Anglican Church is really Catholic. Many brainy and pious men within the confines of Episcopalianism are also causing distress by urging their brethren to acknowledge the papal supremacy. Wincing under these conditions, the spokesmen of the Church are persistently nagging at Catholics.

Bishop Grafton, of Fond du Lac, has been in eruption for over a year. Both the great Episcopalian weeklies, high and low, attack the Catholic position, each after its own fashion, in almost every issue. The Living Church, of Milwaukee, follows the settled policy of insisting that for the English-speaking world, Episcopalianism is the only sumpure brand of Catholicity. It scolds The Lamp, an Episcopal magazine which advocates submission to the Pope, as follows: "We regret that The Lamp should deem it important to lay stress, month after month, upon its statement that the English Church was 'Roman Catholic' before the Reformation."

Now comes the Living Church with a great hue and cry that the sinister influence of Rome is perverting history. In its issue of August 11th it discussed at great length in both editorial and correspondence columns the fact that "Roman influence forbids the use in our schools of books which are not in accordance with the views of the Roman Church." It tells of a book of "English History Stories" prepared by an Episcopalian, which the publishers are alleged to have mutilated at the behest of the Catholic Church. The Apostolic Mission House queried the publishers, the Charles E. Merrill Company, of New York, who replied that the book does not profess to give a continuous outline of history, but is designed for supplementary reading in Public schools, for whose maintenance citizens of all religions and political faiths are taxed. There are no statements in the book which will not be recognized on all sides as true, but it seems to us that a school reader should avoid the discussion of controverted subjects."

VIBRATE RIGHT.

There is a new cult, the fundamental teaching of which is, "If you think right you'll vibrate right. If you vibrate right you'll live forever."

This beats the new religion of the Emeritus President Eliot. He should take note of this new cult.

Of the making of cults there is no end. Yet there is but one true religion, that established by Christ, the Catholic religion.

The founders of "The Vibrate" say that there are just 14,000 persons so far eligible for immortality on this earth. The dogma has no name. Why not call it "The Vibrate?"

The first public meeting was held last Sunday night in New York at 32 E. 33rd street. The sponsors say they will demonstrate that their followers will live forever—right here on earth. The sponsors will themselves have to live a long time to carry out the demonstration.

There were thirteen women and four men at the meeting, not counting two servants in livery, a deaconess in flowing white silk robes sitting on a throne under an artificial rubber plant, "David," a man with a high forehead, black moustache, light clothing and lavender scarf, and the blonde young woman who attended him. It was said he had spent ten years in meditation in India. He said it was his first address in public. He had a Liverpool accent.

The woman in white spoke first. "If I told you how old I am you would not believe me," she said in a whisper, "but I am not so old as a few persons with whom I broke bread not long since. One of these persons was five hundred years old, another was one thousand. Live as we tell you to live and you will live forever. You will grow younger instead of older."

David wotted thus: "I am here to tell you the wonderful good news that you may all live forever. The end of the sixth day in the period of the creation of the world is at hand. In our belief a day is as one thousand years and one thousand years is as a day. It is in this day that immortality begins on earth."

"I counsel you to go into the silence each morning at 6, again at high noon and again at 6 in the evening. Concentrate your thought on the idea that you cannot die. Live as we tell you to live and you will find that you can live forever on this earth."

The woman in white said nothing must be renounced to become one of the elect, and that the religion had neither name nor collection boxes.

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The absence of collection boxes will appeal to many as too many now ignore the collection boxes. But we opine that the shirkers of the collection boxes do not "vibrate right" and hence have no real place anywhere.—Catholic Universe.

LORD MACAULEY ON THE CHURCH.

The Salt Lake Herald, in a sympathetic review of the Catholic Church in Utah, the day after the dedication of the Cathedral, quoted a sentence from Macauley's Essay on Von Ranke's "History of the Popes." Coming from a Protestant pen at a time when in Great Britain, hostility to the Catholic Church was a national virtue and sympathy with Rome treason to the state, this wonderful tribute from a wonderful man has no parallel in English literature. Here is, in its entirety, the great essayist's personal pronouncement on the unchangeable Catholic Church.

"There is not, and there never was on earth, a work of human policy so well deserving of examination as the Roman Catholic Church. The history of that Church joins together the two great ages of human civilization. No other institution is left standing which carries the mind back to the times when the smoke of sacrifice rose from the Pantheon, and when camelpards and tigers bounded in the Flavian amphitheatre.

The proudest royal houses are but yesterday when compared with the line of Supreme Pontiffs. That line we trace back in an unbroken series from the Pope who crowned Napoleon in the nineteenth century, to the Pope who crowned Pepin in the eighth; and far beyond the time of Pepin the august dynasty extends till it is lost in the twilight of fable. The republic of Venice is gone, but the Papacy remains. The Papacy remains, not in decay, not a mere antique, but full of life and youthful vigor. The Catholic Church is still sending forth to the farthest ends of the world missionaries as zealous as those who landed in Kent with Augustine, and still confronting hostile Kings with the same spirit with which she confronted Attila. The number of her children is greater than in any former age.

"Her acquisitions in the New World have more than compensated for what she has lost in the Old. Her spiritual ascendancy extends over the vast countries which lie between the plains of the Missouri and Cape Horn, countries which, a century hence, may not improve."

To encourage the faithful to take part in these devotions he granted many Indulgences. For each attendance the Holy Father granted an indulgence of seven years and seven times forty days. A Plenary Indulgence may be gained on the usual conditions by any who assists ten times at the public devotions, or who for that time says the prescribed prayers in private when it is not convenient to go to the church. A Plenary Indulgence is granted on the Feast of the Holy Rosary, or on any one of the days of the Octave.

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probably contain a population as large as that which inhabits Europe. The members of her communion are certainly not fewer than a hundred and fifty millions; and it will be difficult to show that all other Christian sects united amount to a hundred and twenty millions. Nor do we see any sign which indicates that the term of her long dominion is approaching. She saw the commencement of all the governments and all the ecclesiastical establishments that now exist in the world; and we feel no assurance that she is not destined to see the end of them all. She was great and respected before the Saxon had set foot on Britain, before the Frank had passed the Rhine, when the Grecian eloquence still flourished at Antioch, when idols were still worshipped in the temple of Mecca. And she may still exist in undiminished vigor when some traveler from New Zealand shall, in the midst of a vast solitude, take his stand on a broken arch of London bridge to sketch the ruins of St. Paul's."

Again he writes: "Four times since the authority of the Church of Rome was established on Western Christendom has the human intellect risen up against her yoke. Twice that Church remained completely victorious. Twice she came forth from the conflict bearing the marks of cruel wounds, but with the principle of life still strong within her. When we reflect on the tremendous assaults she has survived, we find it difficult to conceive in what way she is to perish."—Intermountain Catholic.

THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY.

Twenty-three years ago, owing to the troubles that beset the Church, Pope Leo XIII. solemnly proclaimed October as the month of the Most Holy Rosary. He directed that the faithful throughout the world should recite the Rosary and the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the peace and welfare of the Church. The prayers were to be recited during Mass or during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

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Those who are faithful to the devotion of the Rosary may confidently look forward to the grace of final perseverance. Our churches should be filled during the public devotions in honor of the Rosary, especially during the month of October.—Catholic Universe.

A missionary to non-Catholics in Ohio gives the following as a sample of the experience that falls to the lot of the missionary in some localities:

"You gave your Protestant hearers an awful jolt when you stated night before last that card playing and dancing were not sure damnation. The Catholic Church is too wicked; they won't listen to any more lectures." This was the judgment of a Danville observer, communicated to one of the priests at the mission to non-Catholics recently.

"The people you speak of must be very good?" "Good! They are holier than God Himself! They have added some brand new commandments."

"Handle not, touch not, taste not. 'Thou shalt not smoke, nor dance, nor play cards, nor visit theatres, under pain of eternal damnation.'"

"They dropped out some of the older precepts and changed the eighth to read: 'Thou shalt not bear false witness, except against Catholics alone.'"

The Puritanical code of ethics is today a curiosity in most American communities. In others it still holds sway and supplants the Ten Commandments in the regard of the "sanctified." It is strange that man-made morals should be looked upon as more sacred than God's law; but such is the fact.—True Voice.

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