

FIVE MINUTE SERMON

PASSION SUNDAY

THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

"How much more shall the Blood of Christ..."

We are nearing the time, my dear brethren, when the Precious Blood of Christ was shed for the remission of sin...

But for our sakes our dear Lord was not content with such a redemption. Should we have realized the malice and heinousness of sin if it had been so easily forgiven?

But this Redemption to be efficacious has to be applied to individual souls. The Redemption, then, had to be continued, to be renewed as long as sinners might seek its saving powers.

Moreover, the Precious Blood is the source of the graces we receive through the Sacraments. The water of Baptism has its efficacy from the Blood of the Saviour.

Lastly, the Precious Blood is the source of all merit. Not only does it cleanse our conscience from dead works, but it enables us to serve the living God.

My dear brethren, is there nothing that we can do in return for all the Precious Blood does for us? Is it to all receiving on our part, and no giving, no making a sacrifice to Him?

THOUGHTS FOR HOLY WEEK

In Holy Week let us try to put our hearts into the message of Jesus in His bitter Passion. Instead of reading the daily papers, or a novel, however harmless, or wasting time in needless conversation...

Begin then, by joining in spirit the band of disciples, following Jesus over the road from Bethany to Jerusalem. Let us rejoice with them at His triumphant entry through the Golden Gate...

What excitement was felt in the city, and what interest the people displayed, asking: "Who is this?" And the answer was: "This is Jesus the Prophet, from Nazareth of Galilee."

What lessons are taught to us by our divine Redeemer as we follow Him on the way of the Cross? What gentleness and patience He showed, what zeal for the glory of His Father...

It is well for us to read again of the scenes in the Upper Room on Holy Thursday when Jesus instituted the Blessed Eucharist, giving us Himself in the Sacrament of His love.

If we have gratitude in our hearts we shall observe Good Friday with recollection, uniting our thoughts with those of Mary, His Mother, who stood beneath the Cross through the long hours of her Son's agony.

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THE VISION REALIZED

A few months ago a narrow line of blood and fire, that stretched across the continent of Europe, defined the battle area. Today the world itself has become the battlefield. What had been foretold by men of vision has happened.

What had been so clearly foreseen has come to pass. The supreme significance of the labor unrest is not to be found in the Bolshevik reign of terror, the Spartan uprisings and the outbreaks of violence in all parts of the world...

of ultra-radicals and extremists of every kind, who are the scum that must rise to the surface in times like these. Yet it is natural for men to turn their attention to these startling outbreaks rather than to the true causes of the unrest.

The latter were clearly pointed out in the Cardinal's message to which we have alluded. It is for the recognition of the dignity of human nature itself that the workers are contending. They refuse to be mere cogs in an industrial machine...

It is unfortunate that at this crisis Socialism should have attained to such a preponderance over the minds of the working classes. Its perverted ideas of a virtually universal State ownership, in place of that wider private distribution of property, agricultural and industrial, which alone can avert the danger of a servile State...

HATRED TURNED TO LOVE

A PROTESTANT MINISTER WHO BELIEVED CATHOLIC CHURCH WAS INVENTION OF HELL COMES INTO FOLD

The Catholic Church is constantly receiving a steady stream of Protestant ministers into her fold—men who often are married and who have been trained for nothing else but the ministry, yet who must give up the idea of continuing in it because our clergy are celibates.

While born of the Lutherans, he was reared in the Methodist church as there was no Lutheran church around. He was ordained a Methodist preacher, but his belief became too liberal for this fold, so he joined the Congregationalists.

SUPERSTITION IN THE WAR

One of the curious things about the war is the impetus it has given to the practice of superstition. Only the ignorant, it was to have been expected, would be so weak minded as to have recourse to such absurdity; this however has not been the case, and is not inconsiderable literature has grown up since the outbreak of hostilities, devoted to setting forth the manifold forms in which this world old folly has been revived.

At first sight it would appear incredible that men of the twentieth century should attribute to mere pieces of wood and metal and to set forms of words the power to insure them protection in battle and immunity from disease; but the records of history show that in times of great danger this has been a marked tendency of ill-instructed minds.

This book, while not converting the minister, allayed all his prejudice. He ceased to refer to himself as a "Protestant." He preferred the more generous name of non-Catholic. But he got into dangerous religious mires. He read great quantities of Unitarian literature and delved into higher criticism, so that he was on the verge of paganism.

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About this time, the great anti-Catholic wave of the few years ago started. The minister determined to investigate the anti-Catholic charges thoroughly. He heard "Ex-Catholic" Crowley lecture and discovered him to be a profuse dispenser of gross, unproved assertions about Catholicity.

CARD. BOURNE'S VISIT THROUGH EAST

London, Jan. 23.—The visit of Cardinal Bourne to the Orient has a special significance as we foresaw. He is now in the Holy Land. He left Cairo on January 7th for Jerusalem, whence he will pass on to Constantinople and the Black Sea fleet. During his sojourn in Cairo and Alexandria he visited all the British troops quartered there, and also received all the leaders of the Catholic community.

His Eminence understands there has been a great deal of misapprehension amongst the foreign Catholic communities on the ground that the British Government is Protestant, and may interfere with their works. The Cardinal, however, considers that while the Established Church of this country is Protestant, the British Government is neutral, and as a Christian Government is prepared to treat similarly all exponents of Christianity.

in attributing to the use of charms and to the repetition of set formulas of prayer an infallible efficacy to ward off wounds and to prevent sickness and death. The Church would be the last to discountenance the saying of prayers with the view of evoking Divine protection, provided they were said with reliance on God's providence, with abandonment to His will, and with the realization that no set form of words has an unfailing power to obtain temporal favors.

True, the Church approves the wearing of images and medals, blessed for a set purpose, provided they be recognized to have in themselves no supernatural efficacy. If they be used as a mark of devotion to the Saints or Our Lady or Christ Himself, as an indication of interior love or an outward mark of loyalty, as reminders to live the life commensurate with the wearing of such things, as a sort of silent invocation for the intercession of those dear to God, and as freighted with the imperator power of the Church; their use is not blameworthy but laudable.

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FRENCH PROTECTORATE

The Cardinal, who has, no doubt, been confirmed in this view by the government itself, proposes to place before those French communities in the East, where hitherto France has been the only Christian power of any force against the infidel. There is no doubt, however, that France will resent any interference with her thousand year old protectorate of the Christians in the East, for that protectorate and privilege has endured till now, despite the changes in her rulers and governments.

Another matter which may engage the Cardinal when he arrives on the Bosphorus is the return of the great Church of Santa Sofia to the Christian faith for which it was built. Already an Anglican Committee is demanding this of the government, and urging all Christians to unite with them in their demand. The question will be to what religion will the church be surrendered. It should be to that faith for which it was built and which still endures. Before the war the face of the great mosaic Christ above the entrance was commencing to appear once more from beneath all the Mohammedan decorative work, wherewith it was covered; and it was said that this portended the return of the Christians. Now, that this is realized, Santa Sofia should become the Basilica of the Eastern Rite of the Catholic Church, the St. Peter's of the Orient, always.

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