

PORTIUNCULA.

THE GREAT INDULGENCE CALLED THE "PARDON OF ASSISI."

IT WAS GRANTED TO ST. FRANCIS IN ANSWER TO HIS PRAYER FOR MERCY FOR SINNERS, AND CAN BE GAINED BY THE FAITHFUL FROM VESPER ON AUGUST 1 TO SUNDOWN, AUGUST 2.

It was in the month of October, in the year of our Lord 1221, according to the most authentic authority, when to St. Francis of Assisi praying for mercy for sinners, in his poor cell, an angel appeared and desired him to repair quickly to the church where he would behold our Lord and His Blessed Mother, with a multitude of angels and saints.

The following are the simple conditions for gaining this wonderful indulgence. A worthy Confession and Communion, a visit to any Franciscan church and the recitation of five Paters, Aves and Glorias for the intention of the Sovereign Pontiff.

where the Fathers or the Brothers live in community, enjoy the same privilege of the Pardon of Assisi, as in the Bull of Peter Sedias of the 10th of December, 1715, by Benedict XIII.

The peculiarity of this indulgence is, that it may be gained toties quoties, that is, as many times as the church is visited, though in the same day; and this custom of visiting again and again many times the same chapel or church of St. Francis, in order to gain this indulgence in suffrage for the departed, on each of these visits, has never been reprobated, as has been decided by the Sacred Congregation of the Council on July 17, 1760.

The weekly communicants are not bound to make special Confession to gain this indulgence, provided they receive Holy Communion on the day of the feast.

May the Almighty give us grace to appreciate the great privilege bestowed upon us by his servant St. Francis; and may we make a treasure of it, for the benefit of our own souls and the souls in Purgatory.—The Catholic Universe.

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THE EARLY CHURCH.

Development of Worship and Discipline.

Dr. Loughlin delivered the last lecture of his course at Plattsburg on Friday morning, July 19th, saying in substance: The Christian Church is primarily what we have heard Dr. Harnack oppositely designate "an Institute of Worship."

Who shall explain the gross perversity of those who have conceived so mortal a hatred of the great Church which first taught their forefathers to abandon the worship of stocks and stones for the sublime adoration of the Creator of heaven and earth?

Justin, after an unsuccessful search for wisdom among the stoics and the Peripatetics and the Pythagoreans and the Platonists, had a wish one day for quiet meditation, away from the beaten track of men, and so went to a bit of ground not far from the sea, "and there," he continues, "just as I was nearing the place where I looked to be alone with my thoughts, an old man of a pleasing countenance, and with gentle and dignified mien, came following me a little behind. I turned upon him, and stood still, with my eyes fixed closely on him, at which he said, 'Do you know me?'

Not many years passed away, and the fame of the great pardon of Assisi was spread all over the world, and beautiful was it to see pilgrims in crowds of fifteen and twenty thousand ascend the slopes to Assisi; among them kings, princes, nobles and illustrious chevaliers with their vassals and subjects all, all to visit the holy Basilica and altogether unite in prayer to the Most High, and entreat His pardon through the intercession of the holy patriarch. But in the progress of time the throng became so excessive, that in some years even the soldiers could not restrain them, and on one occasion thirteen victims suffered by the trampling of the people.

The Bull of Gregory XV. was afterwards confirmed by the venerable Innocent XI. on the 22nd of January, 1680, that the indulgence might also be gained in suffrage for the holy souls of the churches of the third order

worship of God, in imitation of her Master, "who in the days of His flesh with a strong cry and tears offering up prayers and supplications to Him that was able to save Him from death, and was heard for His reverence," and her worship is identical to that of our Lord, inasmuch as it consists, like His, of prayer and sacrifice.

I am aware that the very perfection to which the Church has carried divine worship in her office has been objected against, as destroying the spontaneity and enthusiasm of prayer. But this objection is without solid foundation. The Church is far from discouraging private outpourings of the heart in any language which conveys orthodox sentiments.

If there is one point of Christian history more luminous than any other, it is that the Church has from the very beginning possessed an altar and offered a true sacrifice. Remarkable it is, when we consider how jealously the Church kept the secret of her liturgy, not only from the heathen but even from her catechumens, how clearly we can trace the history of the Mass back to the apostolic age.

Although the early Christians were so careful not to divulge the nature of their sacrifice to the uninitiated, yet their writings place it beyond doubt that they did offer sacrifice and that their sacrifice was identical with that now offered on Catholic altars.—Catholic Standard.

RELIGIOUS NEWS ITEMS.

European exchanges announce the death of Rev. John Kelly, rector of St. Joseph's, Birkdale, Diocese of Liverpool.

A notable convert to Catholicism is Bernard Harrison, the eldest son of the well-known positivist, Frederick Harrison.

Chicago has 124 Catholic churches, valued at \$8,720,000. Catholic population is 546,000 souls, owning property to the value of \$276,843,000.

A ritualistic Church of England clergyman in Cardiff has publicly asserted that the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin is a necessary complement of the Christian dispensation.

Sister Mary of the Compassion, formerly of Limerick, Ireland, the Mother Visitor of the Order of the Sisters of Good Shepherd, is making a visit of six weeks at the Good Shepherd Convent in St. Louis, Mo., on a private mission pertaining to the devotions of the Order.

The date when Archbishop Chapelle will be invested with the pallium has been fixed for October 17, and it is expected that the ceremony will be one of the most imposing ever witnessed in the Santa Fe Cathedral.

The golden jubilee of Most Rev. John Joseph Williams, Archbishop of Boston, had its crown and culmination, not in the last event of the jubilee proper, but in the event announced on Sunday, July 7th—the liquidation of the entire debt on the Cathedral of the Holy Cross.

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CONVERSIONS.

How They Came to Join the Church.

If any one had predicted to me fifteen years ago that I would some day become a Catholic I would have scouted the idea as the most unlikely thing that could possibly happen.

I had been strictly brought up by good and pious parents, who were old-fashioned Episcopalians and knew nothing of Catholicism except that our servants mostly professed that faith, and that it was considered a good religion for them and other uneducated people, whom I pitied for their blindness to the "pure light of the Gospel."

As we grew older, some members of my family and some intimate friends became "Anglo-Catholics," and, though I despised their ritualism and endless talk of lights, vestments, altars, etc., I was induced to read some of the books written by "advanced" English clergymen (almost all of whom, by the way, have since become Catholics), and insensibly I came to believe in the apostolic succession, the Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament, non-communicating attendance during the communion service, etc.

Shortly after my brother told me one day that he feared he would have to become a Catholic. I was struck dumb with grief and horror, while he proceeded to quote to me the numerous texts in the Gospels proving the supremacy of St. Peter and the unity of the Church; how St. Peter alone were given the keys of heaven; how, in mentioning the apostles, he almost always comes first, and it is generally "Peter and the other apostles;" how our Lord paid the tribute-money only for Himself and St. Peter; how He said, "I will pray for thee that thy faith fail not, and when thou art converted strengthen thy brethren."

A light seemed to break in upon me, and I felt from that moment that if our Lord did, indeed, found a Church, that Church was the one I had always despised as only fit for the poor and ignorant. It was a most unwelcome conviction, for it is a hard trial to turn one's back on all the traditions and teachings of the past, and to wound the hearts of relations and friends who felt deeply the slight put upon their own form of worship. But the inner voice could not be stifled, and I had one great blessing to be thankful for, in addition to the grace of conversion: my husband felt as I did. In vain we tried to believe in the "branch theory." Everything we read in history, now that our eyes were once opened to the truth, confirmed us in the belief that there is but one Church, and that that one was founded on a Rock. So, after a delay of eighteen months, in order to be quite assured of our convictions, we had the unspeakable blessing of being received together into the fold of that dear Mother Church, and never can we sufficiently thank Almighty God for His great gift of faith.—The Monitor.

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