

NOVENA OF PRAYER

It is announced that a Solemn Novena of Prayer, commencing March 10, and closing March 19, will be made by the Sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph, Toronto, in all their Convents and institutions throughout Canada, in honor of their glorious Patron, St. Joseph. Special solemnity will be attached to the making of the Novena at the Mother-house, St. Alban St., Toronto, where Holy Mass will be offered each morning for the intention of the Novena, and each evening at 6 o'clock, during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a Holy Hour of Adoration will be made, with a short instruction, followed by Benediction.

This Novena, which has the express approval and blessing of His Grace, the Archbishop, is being offered to God, that He may see fit, through the intercession of St. Joseph, to increase the number of vocations to the Religious Life, in this age of worldliness and self-seeking. Year after year appeals are made to the active Religious Communities, to take new schools, establish hospitals and orphanages, and open new Convents. But always the same difficulty arises, "the fewness of the laborers." It is, therefore, this inability to meet the demands of bishops and parish priests, far and near, and an ardent desire that God's dear interests in Canada may not suffer therefrom, that have induced the Sisters of St. Joseph to institute these nine days of prayer and supplication, in which the Catholic laity is urgently requested to join, either in private or in public.

MASONIC TRIBUTE TO CATHOLICISM

A remarkable tribute to Catholicism, coming as it does from a Masonic source, is printed in the Bulletin of the Los Angeles Consistory of the Scottish Rite. The writer says:

"In certain circles it is popular to denounce bitterly the Roman Catholic Church, and in the condemnation forget her splendid achievements and the consecrated service she has rendered to humanity. The long roll of patriots, heroes and saintly souls who have drawn their spiritual inspiration from her communion is sufficient proof of the real greatness of her religious teachings. Among her priests are those whose names have become synonymous with purity of life and unselfish effort for the betterment of humanity—Father Damien, Father Mathew, Father Junipero Serra, St. Francis of Assisi, Savonarola. Her countless institutions of learning, her manifold charities, the universality of her spiritual appeal, must awaken the admiration of all men. It must not be forgotten that at her altars the common people received their first training in democracy. Prince and pauper, peasant and merchant, knelt together, equal before God. Tolerance knows that there are two sides to every question, and that a picture which shows only shadows is essentially false."

TRULY CATHOLIC ACTION IN AN ACCIDENT

When the bodies of five victims of a recent tragic automobile accident were recovered from the tracks of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, a number of young women assembled in the vicinity knelt and recited the Rosary.

The ill-fated machine had crashed into an embankment fence and plunged below to the tracks. A milk train passing later was unable to stop in time. Five of the six occupants of the car were killed

immediately and the sixth died in a hospital. The brakeman told his story simply. "As one of the first on the scene," he said, "I shall never forget its tragic, yet consoling aspects. Above me on the side, walk were a number of young women reciting the Rosary. It was an unforgettable sight to behold. The broken bodies of the victims below—the calm prayers of the kneeling women above—detached, grave, and prayerful in the midst of bustle, confusion and excitement, with no thought save the spiritual welfare of the deceased. It made me reflect that no matter what denomination the victims had professed, whether they were Catholic, Jew or Protestant, black or white, it was the charity of the Catholic young women which recognized no distinction where prayer was needed. It was consoling to me to think that Catholics love prayer and remember the departed. I admire them for performing their duties publicly. I am not a Catholic."—Southern Cross.

DO YOU FORGET?

Do you forget that out West the Church and the Country are in the making?

Do you forget that in those immense Provinces over one-sixth of the Catholics are out of touch with the Church of their baptism?

Do you forget that in another generation—if help does not come, these scattered sheep of Christ's flock will be lost to the true Fold?

Do you forget that we are in conscience bound by the laws of Christian charity to come to their help?

Do you forget that the "Sisters of Service" are dedicating their lives to the rescue of these souls who live out of touch with the Church in the home-mission field?

Should not this work appeal to every true Catholic Canadian. Many women will find for their life that lofty ideal, the vision of which visited them in the hours of prayer, in the dreams of a generous and unselfish youth.

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IN MEMORIAM

McSLOY.—In sad and loving memory of Leo McSloy who died four years ago, Feb. 6, 1920, and Thomas McSloy who died March 11, 1921. Eternal rest grant them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.—Mrs. McSloy.

DIED

MEAGHER.—At his late residence 47 Cunard Street, Halifax, N. S., on August 29, 1923, Mr. Laurence Meagher, aged eighty-nine years. May his soul rest in peace.

BERRIGAN.—At his late residence, 114 Agricola St., Halifax, N. S., on Wednesday, February 20th, Mr. Laurence Berrigan. May his soul rest in peace.

MCCARTHY.—On Sunday, February 24, at her late residence, 1034 College St., Toronto, Johanna, widow of the late Timothy McCarthy. Funeral Wednesday at 8.30 a. m., to St. Helen's Church. Interment at Mount Hope Cemetery. May her soul rest in peace.

HALLORAN.—A well known former resident of Hamilton, Ontario, Patrick J. Halloran, died at his late residence, 2025 N. 18th Street, Terre Haute, Indiana, on Tuesday, January 1st, 1924. Surviving are his wife Frances, two sons and one daughter, John of Muskegon, Mich., and Benedict and Monica of Terre Haute. Funeral took place to Sacred Heart Church. Interment at St. Joseph's cemetery, Terre Haute, Indiana. May his soul rest in peace.

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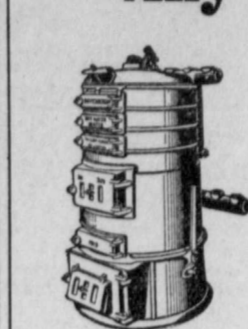
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