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CHOOSING THE RIGHT PATH

Vocation and vacation are words so similar in form as to be very easily and often contounded and, indeed, they express ideas that are not so far removed from each other as might be at first supposed. With the closing of the school year and the coming of vacation, to how many of our boys and girls does not the thought come: "Where shall I go next year? What line of work shall I take up? What do I intand to be ?" And during the vacation months, how many parents will be concerned and, perhaps, worried by the same thoughts in regard to their children.

So much may depend on the answer to these questions nowthis vary year-for the individual, for society, and for the Church, that a word of guidance and encouragement may be helpful to some of our voung readers.

Scarcely have you stepped forth from the school-room after the closing exercises, than you begin to think what position in life will be most agreeable and which will bring the greatest and quickest remunerative returns. No doubt, you are very much concerned about a line of business in which there ars possibilities of advancement in material things. But, does it never enter your mind that there is some thing of greater importance to you than a well-paying job? Remember that while the world is inviting you you not act as the representatives to take your place in its tolling, bustling, restless life, the Divine Master, too, is calling eagerly for laborers in that higher life of consecration and of service-the priesthood and the religious life.

Never was the need for help for the Church's divine mission of saving souls greater than it is here and now. Priests and religious teachers are everywhere in demand to supply urgent needs that must be met at he neril of the loss of thousands to the faith in the near future. From our own great Western Land young boyhoad, he heard the voices that thrilled his soul : "Come, holy youth, and walk among us !" When, then, you are considering your future career, forget not the vast harvest fields of God where the laborers are so few. Be interested in the work of God's Church, he anxious to further the work for which Our Saviour gave His very life, and yearn to be, at least, of of the priesthood or the Brother-Spouse of Christ. St. Bernard says that " Almighty God, in calling one to the priesthood. exalts him even above the angels and archangels, the thrones and dominations ;" while St. Mary with these.

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reason that induced St. Francis Xavier to enter the religious life. St. Ignatius kept repeating to him : What doth it profit to gain the whole world and lose one's soul ?' and Francis was converted from a worldly life and became the Apostle uncompromising adversaries of autocracy and intolerance. For the of he Indies. fifteen millions of people in the Others say that they are waiting

for a special sign that Almighty God British Empire who happen to be of not be given it. In the lives of has a chapter of special interest. certain saints, it is true, we read It seems that President Wilson had 'even "fellow-citizenship" among men State interference. of special calls being given to them ; the hardihood to argue before the till there is freedom for all nations can answer, in the affirmative, the lishing absolute liberty for creeds following questions, which are and confessions." usually given in books on vocation,

may rightly embrace the religious honor to the statesman who undertook to sustain it. It was something 1. Have I a right intention? The that would help make democracy safe,-and it was something with glory of God, my own salvation, or

which obviously no fair-minded man the salvation of others. would quarrel. 2. Have I the necessary qualifications? Such as health, steady

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disposition, virtuous habits, ability to make the required studies. 3. Will the superiors accept me

that in England the Catholics could Surely there are hundreds of graduates from our schools who perfect equality with their Protescould answer "Yes" to these tant fellow-citizens because the conquestions; and the reading of these stitution forbids it. So the matter lines may prove to be an actual was dropped. grace for them if it direct their It is rather disconcerting for Caththoughts, or impel a more serious olics to learn that the profession of

consideration of the all important principles for which we went to War question of vocation. in 1914 was a mere national hypoc-We would urge upon our older risy. It is true of course, as a readers the blessed task of pointing British statesman has put it, that the out the right path to those about War has shown that there is no more to start their career in life. Suggest powerful weapon than a lie, cunthe idea of the priesthood and the ningly told and persistingly propareligious life to those graduates in gated. If we Britishers went through whom you perceive the necessary the horrors of the great conflict qualities; encourage, support, and avowedly to crush the swashbuckpray for them. St. Thomas says: ling snobbery of junkerism,-if this It is laudable and very meritorious, is no lie, then let us right here and now crush out of the British Consti-

from charity and with truth, to lead others to the religious state. Those tution this page of avowed pruswho induce others to enter religion, not only commit no sin, but even this is done, no right-thinking man merit a great reward."

can find fault with the desire of the Hardly will the boys and girls be people of Ireland to sever relations graduated before the representatives with the Empire. And if it is not of various business concerns and done, the day will come when the commercial schools will be pestering Overseas Dominions will follow them with glowing accounts of their | Ireland's example and the Empire special courses and the certainty of cease to exist. Jan Christian Smuts quick and remunerative returns, was right.

perhaps even in a profession for which they have no aptitude. Can of Our Divine Lord? He, too. promises a rich reward : a hundred. fold and life everlasting, and He will give the grace necessary for such a life. Do not oppose the boy or girl who expresses a wish to embrace

a higher life. They will meet with opposition enough, even from good people. It is poor service to a child to tend to all his material wants and then to interfere in the thing that means his happiness here, and perhaps hereafter. We need many more vocations: many priests, many nuns, many Chriscomes the cry for churches and tian Brothers to do the work of the cratic, it cannot be denied that the schools, for priests and teachers, Lord. We may well trust that God appealing to our boys and girls as it will supply the vocations; but it is a did to St. Patrick of old when, in the great part of the parents' duty to ardor and noble ambition of his co-operate with the call of God, and by their prayers and their suggestions to keep the hearts of their children open to that call. And so, during these days particularly, the Christian mother will find plenty of food for thought in the question European Russia there is still a transaction ; and we are only hum- gossip ; but it dreads the jail. whether or not she has done all that she could do in helping her children to find the place in life to which God has called them. To generous hearted boys who are sacrifices just as the heathens in unpleasant, are renewed on reading which has now become law, increases some little service in that great desirous of devoting themselves to Asia and Africa have theirs." The that the Board of Commerce is, at the normal income tax by 25%, so cause. What higher or better life the service of Our Divine Master, statesmen of the Czar made the the moment of writing, without even that as an East Indian contemporary, could any boy embrace than that the Christian Brothers of Ontario extend a cordial invitation to join hood, or any girl than that of their ranks. In the De La Salle College at Aurora, a boy's vacation is military and religious dictatorship. than "expected." Mr. O'Connor is quarter." tested while he follows the regular Aside from the abuses which creep honest and able. Everyone who High School course and receives, as in with an autocratic scheme of knows him personally is convinced well, a thorough religious training. administration, the mere fact that of that; and the Board began very sented by her legislators, has "no Remember that the field is large, the the Romanoff-Rasputin government well, and did some useful things in money " for the returned soldier, but laborers few, and the reward great. gave no part of the people any voice the line of publicity, is not in actual can vote substantial increases in Holy Scripture says: "They that in the nation's affairs, was in itself, restraint of organized greed. religious life is the simplest, surest, instruct many unto justice shall sconer or later, bound to bring on a Discussion of the allegations of asm is an object lessen which should and shortest way to Heaven." Surely shine as stars for all eternity." Lat political upheaval. This system Commissioner Murdock may be pre- not be lost upon the country at large. there is no worldly career to compare those, then, that yearn to help in pursued over a long period, resulted mature; but it seems only too plain It should also be remembered that extending Christ's Kingdom on earth,

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trace of the latter. It was faith and THE BRITISH CONSTITUTION Prison bars and stone walls and The unsparing truth of Dr. Emile penal enactments cannot desirey the profiteering classes made themselves politic, and that shutting off the Joseph Dillon's "Inside Story of the desire for freedom that is in the felt. All the old fetishes were refur- spigot does not necessarily mean Peace Conference" may make the human breast. Lleyd George, Sir bished and brought out, in the House stepping the leak at the bung hole. Rebert Berden, W. M. Hughes, W. M. of Commons and out of it. The right veteran correspondent many powerful Massay and R. A. Squires last Jan- to rob was vigorously re-asserted ; enemies, but it earns him the grati-

tude of all who are earnest and uary issued a joint message to their and all the rites of commercial idol-"fellow-citizens of the British atry were performed before the Empire" urging as the solitary hope throne of King dollar, whilst the in self-satisfaction. . . . But the for peace, good-will among men worshippers invoked all the old based on our faith in God as the spells and mouthed all the old wants them. Our Lord once spoke the same faith as Marshal Ferdinand Father of our common brotherhood ; formulas : " Supply and demand " ; of a wicked and adulterous nation Foch, Sir William Robertson, General but however we may crave for this the sacredness of account books and Christians must walk by His light, that sought a sign, and a sign would Pilsudski and Admiral Benson, he high and lofty ideal, there can be no of bank books ; the implety of per-"good-will," no "brotherhood," nor sonal questions ; the immunity from

It is curious to see the different but if you were to question many Conference that "as the treatment of and peoples everywhere. For free- attitudes that are taken by the men thousands of priests and religious religious confessions has been in the dom for all nations and peoples was of commerce towards State interferthroughout the world, you would not past and may sgain in the future be the great War fought : and until our ence. There is a chorns (if the word find a single instance of God's a cause of sanguinary wars, it seems war aims and pledges are redeemed, "chorus" can be used to describe the direct intervention. No special sign desirable that a clause should be oppression will not cease to be simultaneous volcing of different will be given. Any boy or girl who introduced into the covenant estab. oppression, though inscribed in a tunes); a chorus of demands for statute book and called "law." Free- State interference. Many voices dom could have saved Russia,-it can are singing the wonders of State Here was a proposition that does yet save Ireland. Μ.

> "THE CONFESSION ' Amid the deluge of rubbishy thing. picture plays, and vulgar, when not

indecent vaudeville, it is refreshing to regulate the particular thing in to find a worthy theme worthily which his interests lie. 'I'he workwas received with marked coldness. treated. The theme of "The ingman wants the Government to Confession" is the inviolable secrecy control the capitalist, but not, on any Lord Robert Cecil, speaking for Great which seals the sacred confidence account, to control the labor unions. Britain, informed the Conference between priest and penitent in The manufacturer wants the worknot possibly be set on a footing of Confession. Catholics take it for man controlled; but he, himself, is granted ; non-Catholics view it with to be free to do as he likes. The varying degrees of respect, in- farmer wants the State to fix the credulity or suspicion. Both Catho. price of farm machinery ; but not the lics and non-Catholics will come price of farm produce.

away from " The Confession " with a God's mercy.

make a photo-play full of action and vivid human interest. the fire.

THE PROFITEER ON TOP By THE OBSERVER

A gentleman whom I know went with his wife the other day to buy two been justified any time in the last the sayings and doings in other ning of Our troubled pontificate the carpet squarer. The dealer named a few years, since the business of parish churches where the sacrament price for two; and my friend seemed supplying food and clothing to the is reserved, sanctuary lights kept and to alleviate the horrors of the indisposed to pay it. At once, the public has been turned, by organ- burning, crucifixes erected both War, so now that comparative peace sum of \$75 was deducted from the ized combination, to the highest within and without, and Catholic has been concluded, this total amount. Another man went, in the same grabbers.

city, to buy a dress for his wife. The law of supply and demand diocesan bishep is complacent. We ness, and give place to mutual love dress he fancied was marked at \$125. still hypnotizes our public men. do not read that the Lambeth Con-"Of course you don't mean that," he They seem to be unable to see that ference is likely to commit itself to said to the clerk, "how much will that law has been artificially set you take ?" She called the manager : aside; and replaced by a vast system question, for to do so might precipi-He looked at the price tag. "I'll of high-pressure machinery by which tate dissolution of the Establish-

the wages and salaries of the people ment. take." said be. "\$100." I went to a shop a few weeks ago are siphoned into the pockets of the The history of all nations has to buy an article. It was \$12.50. I merchants and the money-changers,

demonstrated that where social and bought it. "I might take another," I great and small, wholesale and retail, political conditions were such as to said, "how much is this other one ?" and all the grades of extortion, call for reform, the longer the reform It was \$15. "Ob, then," said I, "one inflation and speculation that lie was postponed the greater was the will do." "Take them both," said between. reaction. Russia, like Ireland, has the dealer, "at \$12.50 each." I appreciate the fact that this

been no exception to the rule. Had Such experiences are quite is not the sole cause of high prices. by Mgr. Baudrillart, Rector of the the Czar's government adopted a common to buyers who are not anxious But it is only one of the various Institute, and the course, which broad policy of reform fifteen or even to show that they have money by causes which the nation, through was designed to interest French Gospel of peace. (Eph. vi, 15.) six years ago, there would have been eagerly paying the first amount that its government, could have pre- Catholics in their kindred overseas, no revolution. The contention that is mentioned, and as soon as it is vented or checked; and both pre- was entrusted to Canon Chartier, a frequently reminded you Russia was not ready for democratic mentioned. Business, both at vention and restraint were quite former Fellow. It is stated that nothing was so often and so caregovernment is, in the main, true, and wholesale and at retail, has become possible; and would have been found the series was made possible by the Jes

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But the selfish interests of the every ill that may afflict the body-

"THE BELIGION of the natural man," says Cardinal Newman, "is EXHORTS ALL PEOPLES TO UNITE, IN based on self-sufficiency and results Religion of Christ is based on His self-sufficiency, and must result in His satisfaction, . . . and all who is the true Light of men, because He is their supreme Teacher

and will be their Final Judge." How much this lesson needs to be taken to heart by Catholics no less than by others in this age of self sufficiency must be apparent to all who look abroad over the world.

Lambeth Conference, in which several bishops fram Canada are ownership and State regulation. taking part) " obviously great moral and heartily do We rejoice. Every second man you meet has a scheme for the Government to take tions of the bishops of the over something, or to regulate some-Anglican communion from all over the world " The London Daily

But no man wants the Government Chronicle reminds them that the legal authority." That is but to say that authority never is a concom itant of the episcopal office in the Church of England, and that where enactments bear the semblance of that quality they are usually directed against " Catholic " aspirations.

THIS IS illustrated by the fate Heaven help the man who cannot which befell an English rector raised to this Chair have We ceased better realization of the sacredness classify as farmer, workingman, recently in the deprivation of his to do everything in Our power from as well as the secrecy which is the shopkeeper, middleman, or manufac- living for practising the service of the very beginning of the very atmosphere of this tribunal of turer ; who merely gives his brains Benediction in his parish church, to the service of all these classes as and otherwise showing a belief in possible. "The Confession " proves conclus- an educator, a journalist, a doctor or the Real Presence. The ease with ceased to pray, to repeat exhorta ively that vulgarity, irreverence and a lawyer. He belongs to the bour- which feeling is excited against tions, to propose ways of arrange suggestiveness are not necessary to geoisie, as they call it in Russia : so-called Catholic tendencies is also "Why cumbereth he the earth? shown by the action brought by a just, honorable and lasting peace Cut him down and cast him into Kensitite fanatics against a country and at the same time We exercised Yes, many people want State the exterior of his church a crucifix everywhere that terrible load of sorrow and disaster of every sort interference; for someone else. placed there in memory of his son Well, if State interference can be killed in the War. The inconsistjustified in any case, it could have ency of this proceeding is shown by

possible profit of greedy money. ritual imitated in other ways every day of the year, simply because the any definite deliverance on this vexed

> THE DELIVERY within the past two months of a course of lectures at the Catholic Institute of Paris, on French Canada, is an event worth chronicling. The series which is ever more important, grave harm comprised ten lectures was arranged would accrue to the

THE POPE AND THE NATIONS

BENEDICT XV.'S CALL TO PEACE

THE BONDS OF CHARITY

The Tablet, London, Eng.

Benedict XV. By Divine Providence Pope.

To the Patriarche, Primates, Arch. bishops, Bishops and Ordinaries Peace and Communion With the Holy See.

Venerable Brethren. Health and Apostolic Benediction Peace, the beautiful gift of God, whose name, as St. Augustine says, is the sweetest word to our hearing and which is itself the best and most desirable possession (Civitate Dei, 1. xix, c. 11.) peace, which was for more than four years implored by the ardent wishes of all good peoples

IN SAYING that (in regard to the by the prayers of pious souls and the tears of mothers, begins at last to shine upon the nations. At this We are indeed the happiest of all But weight attaches to the delibera this joy of Our paternal heart is distarbed by many bitter anxieties. for if in most places peace is in some sort established and treaties signed, the germs of former, enmities remain ; and you well know, Venerconference "has no technical or able Brethren, that there can be no stable peace or lasting treaties, though made after long and difficult negotiations and duly signed, unless there be a return of mutual charity to appease hate and banish enmity This, then, Venerable Brethren, is the anxious and dangerous question upon which We wish to dwell and to put forward recommendations to be brought home to your people.

, by the For Ourselves, never since hidden designs of God, we were all the nations of the world might resume cordial relations as soon as To that end We never ment, to try every means, in fact to open by Divine aid, a path to rector to force him to remove from all Our paternal care to alleviate by which the immense tragedy was accompanied.

And now, just as from the begin. charity of Jesus Christ led Us to work both for the return of peace same charity urges Us to exhort all the children of the Church, and all mankind, to clear their hearts of bitterand concord.

FORGIVENESS AND RECONCILIATION There is no need from us of long proof to show that society would incur the risk of great loss if, while peace is signed, latent hostility and enmity were to continue among the nations. There is no need to mention the loss of all that maintains and fosters civil life, such as commerce and industry, art and literature, which flourish only when the nations are at peace. But what form and essence of the Christian life, which consists essentially in charity and the preaching of which is called the

You know well, and We have this precent Christ as

one as we also are one

exhertation to the faithful

(John xvii, 21 23.)

"That they may be

The Apostles, following in the

mands, were unceasing in their

But above all these things

that

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Sameone will say : " I do not feel hasten to enroll themselves under religious life." In the matter of the banner of the religious educator. with its open denial of God and its eral public was a little skeptical convocation, feeling or sentiment plays As Bishop Byrne says: "There is at rejection of moral respensibility. It corning its usefulness, because of the a miner part. Thus, we may this hour no work as important as were well for the advocates of foreign large number of useless Reyal Com- stills in Outarle since the adoption classify vecation under two head that of Christian education. It autocracy in Ireland to remember missions which had pressied it; but of prehibition, as shown by figures ings; that of faith or reason, and means the saving of man, the saving effects. that of sentiment or attraction. The of Christian civilization, and the savformer is the surer guide, and it may be unaccompanied by the least ing of the Church."

to be : "Even at the gates of Petere- experiences as I have related go to

sianism against Catholics. Until

FRUSTRATED FREEDOM OF

CITIZENSHIP

stretch of towns and farming com- bugging ourselves when we lay all munities, whose dwellers are purely the blame to speculators and middlepagan in the strictest sense of the men. word, who have their gods and their These, and other thoughts equally

not only in the overthrow of the that, to say the least, the Board from the ranks of the French-speakautocratic scheme but brought into received no great encouragement ing members came the only apprecipower this thing called Bolshevism frem the powers that be. The gen. able eppesition to the move.

that similar causes preduce like they gave fair praise to what good submitted to the Senate by Sir.

The basic principle of economic was, on the whole, a help rather than prehibitery exactments of the kind and religious stability is freedom. a hindrance.

however much the new "soviet' a game of grab; and "all the traffic quite practical had our rulers been government may profess to be demo- will bear" is the maxim of the day. in earnest, and had they been able Premier of Quebec, and M. Philippe contains all others. Christ called it And so, I am not wholly convinced to rid themselves of shibboleths great mass of the people cannot take when economists tell us that our and fetishes.

an intelligent part in the conduct of woes are due to the scarcity of They made no genuine effort to public affairs. Russia, Cardinal goods; or to insufficient production. tackle the problem of high prices hope that the series would have others: and on the eve of Kakowski tells us, has never been Something, of course, must be at the only point where commercial the civilized country it was assumed accounted for in that way; but such greed gave them an opening.

burg there are villages which in lan- show that the ultimate consumer; jail under the law respecting and aid in the diffusion of Latin the Trinity. guage and customs have remained in the man who buys to wear or to eat combines and agreements to keep up civilization. a primitive condition. Right in is robbed unmercifully in the final prices. Greed is not atraid of

NOTES AND COMMENTS

THE NEW Bachelor Tax in France error, however, of arguing that, be- one member to carry on the work paraphrasing from a Paris paper, cause an ideal democracy was from which so much was expected. remarks, "those who cannot find a impossible, the only solution lay in a Perhaps I should say "hoped" rather better half must pay a fine of a

> THE FACT that Canada, as repretheir own emplument with enthusi-

> > THE ENORMOUS growth in illicit

work the Beard did ; and the press James Leughead, gees to show that are not necessarily a specific for independence.

co-operation of Sir Lomer Gouin, mutual charity as the the new commandment, His very Roy, Canada's Commissioner General in the French capital. In the opening the sign of Christians by which they own, and desired that it should be lecture the Canon expressed the might be distinguished from all death it was His last testament some effect in tightening the ties to His disciples to love one another between the two countries, and the and thus try to imitate the ineffable Somebody should have gone to two universities, Paris and Laval, unity of the turee Divine Persons in

they may be made perfect in one."

LOVERS OF clean sport should include the gentle St. Francis de steps of the Divine Master, and Sales among their patrons. It is conforming to His word and comrecalled that the Saint was an accomplished rider and fencer, as all things have a constant mutual several young men chafing under his charity among yourselves" (1 Peter his day, and wishing to disgrace have charity which is the bond of influence for good in the Geneva of iv, 8). him by proving him a coward, found beloved, let us love one another for to their cost. Misinterpreting his charity is God " (1 John iv, 7.) Our gentleness for weakness these young brethren of the first Christian ages men waylaid St. Francis upon one faithfully observed these commands men waylaid St. Francis upon one of Jacus Christ and the Apostles. Occasion and attacked him with They belonged to different and rival

drawn swords. The Saint proved a nations; yet they willingly forgot tartar, however, disarmed one of their causes of quarrel and lived in his assailants and seizing his sword perfect concord, and such a union of hearts was in striking contrast with the deadly enmities by which they fell upon their knees and human society was then consumed. What has already been said in Christ-like character, was readily favor of charity holds good for the inculcation of the pardoning of injuries which is no less solemnly of them led to their subsequent conversion. Well, them, may the I say to you, love your enemies; do Cathelic of today combining fervor good to them that hate you; pray with his devotion to manly exercise, for these that persecute you and and ambitious te tread virtue's path, calumniate you, that you may be the children of your Father who is exclaim : "St. Francis of Saler. in Heaven, Who maketh His sun to rise upon the good and bad" (Matt. 44, 45.) Hence that terribly severe warning of the Apostle St.

"Wheseever hateth his brother is a murderer. And you

fought them all so vigorously that begged for mercy, which, true to his granted, and in the case of some of them led to their subsequent

pray for us !" Obedience is the foundation of Jehn.