

FIVE MINUTE SERMON

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT

"Honour thy father and thy mother." (Exod. xx. 12.) It is disheartening, my dear brethren, to preach on this Commandment. It is so well known, so little observed.

How is this? The very names, father and mother, are high titles indeed. They are the stewards of God. To them He entrusts the immortal souls, as well as the bodies of their children.

Beware of ingratitude; it will taint your heart for life.

You will not always have your parents; be kind and loving to them whilst they are with you.

And to encourage us to keep this Commandment, remember it is the Commandment with a promise. For fear we should forget or grow tired of keeping it, God tells us what He will do if we fulfil it.

MARY, HELP THEM

Much has been said by way of admiration of the power of organization, and of the general efficiency of one of the great nations now at war.

Their duties are to love their children, their souls, far more than their bodies or their worldly happiness; to tend, care, work for them; to educate them; to give them good example and shield them from evil.

Education, as the children grow up, is an anxiety for the parents. A Catholic school must be chosen, and regular attendance insisted on to gain lifelong habits of carefulness and industry.

Good example to be given calls for continued watchfulness on the part of the parents. Children are so quick to pick up evil, and yet thoughtless parents talk of matters before them, that children should never hear mentioned.

Now, let us look at this Commandment from the children's point of view. It is only human nature to hate to be controlled; and the young have not much idea of doing anything from a spiritual motive.

And is there not gratitude insisting on children to honour their father and mother? Gratitude? Yes, they have well earned it! For how many years has each child been a care, an anxiety to its parents?

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The organization, having completed its collecting, is now actively at work. The money, which was contributed under the promise that the children would be brought up in the religion of the father, is being used as a bait to lure them into the école laïque, the character of which was well described in the words of the French Academician when he said that one enters the école laïque a Christian, but leaves it an atheist.

The mask of philanthropy is odious enough when it is assumed to make personal profit out of public calamities; we are not unfamiliar with such abominations in the United States. But the abomination is the more detestable when it is made the pretext for religious persecution, nor does the subtlety of the methods employed mitigate any of its hideousness.

CATHOLIC INTEGRITY AND PATRIOTISM

In my reply to Tom Watson, I not only answered his arguments against Catholicity, but met every charge he advanced against the integrity and patriotism of the Catholic citizen.

But it remained for the great world war to absolutely vindicate the editor of the "Iconoclast." While Catholics comprise less than 20 per cent. of our population, the records show that about 40 per cent. of our soldiers in training for the battlefields of Europe are Catholics.

While Catholics were offering to shed their last drop of blood for the republic of Washington and Lincoln, the Department of Justice found that Tom Watson was spilling barrels of ink in a mad effort to embarrass the Government. His publications were suppressed. Giving aid and comfort to the enemy in time of war is treason. Yet this man had the impudence to brand millions of American Catholics as traitors and denounced their Church as the "Deadliest Menace" to American institutions.

both sides of this war, and dying on every battlefield for the flag of the country in which they live. This goes to prove that Catholicity never interferes with the patriotism of its adherents and that all Catholics may be loyal to the land of their citizenship. The blood test of loyalty refutes every charge brought against them by their enemies.—Brann's Iconoclast.

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and held Him to thy breast—mother, who taught the feet of the Infant Son of God to walk—mother, the first word that the lips of the Babe, that was God and Man, learned to lip—mother, who guided the footsteps of the Son of God, and the son of man, through a spotless youth to a spotless manhood—mother, who followed the Son of God, thy Son, bone of thy bone, and flesh of thy flesh, to the cross, to ignominious death—mother, the first of all the earth to give to the Savior Jesus, loving ministry as He nestled on thy bosom—mother, the last of all the earth in the thought of the Saviour, Son of God, and Son of Man, as He hung upon the cross and died—mother, who, to this sin darkened world gave the Infant Jesus, God and Man, who, to heaven gave the Lamb of God, Man and God, who is the light of heaven—mother, standing not beneath the shadow of the cross, but beneath the glory of the thrones of God and of the Lamb, that throned now resplendent with the glory with which thy Son has anointed thee, one and all, we rise and call thee blessed and place upon thy brow our richest diadem. We crown thee queen of our hearts—we give thee the first place in all God's creation.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A SALE OF SOULS?

More than a year ago a correspondent in America called attention to the fact that money was being solicited for the education of the French children whose fathers had fallen in the War. The appeal had the semblance of purest charity and many of our people, Catholics as well as others, were beguiled into contributing generously. The writer in America, however, pointed out that in reality the scheme was a subtle attack on religion. The reasons he adduced to prove his contention were convincing. The personnel of the organization was distinctly Masonic, which in France is synonymous with being antagonistic to the Church; the champions of it were professed enemies of religion; the French Bishops had warned their people to have

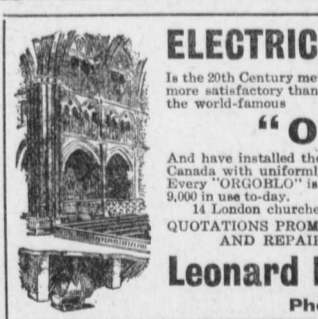
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