

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
CALEBRATED AT ST. BONIFACE

Free Press, Dec. 9.  
Archbishop Langevin a few weeks occasion of the 50th anniversary of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. In this letter he recommended that every Catholic home in the diocese be illuminated on the evening of the 8th of December, the feast of the Immaculate Conception. He has reason to be satisfied with the manner in which his recommendation was carried out. In localities where Catholics are but a small proportion of the population, the isolated illuminations of windows may not have been particularly noticeable; but it was impossible for the most absolute stranger to view St. Boniface last night without being aware that the people were celebrating some extraordinary event.

Seen from the bridges the old town, which seldom seeks to attract attention by display, caught the eye immediately by a cordon of variegated light which extended all the way from Norwood to Louise bridge. The hospital, the college, and the convents rose out of the darkness like some fairy castle, every window ablaze with yellow, red or green lights. On nearer approach it was found that the stores and dwellings were nearly all illuminated in the same manner, the color effect being produced by colored paper spread over the panes. In many places also Chinese lanterns had been hung outside and would have reminded one of some garden party but for the snow on the ground and the cold breezes which made the ear tingle.

It was not a feast of the world, however, but a feast of prayer, and all of the population which could find room within had gone to the cathedral, where the closing services of the jubilee in honor of the Blessed Virgin and the new Pope were being held. The old church with its banners of the Blessed Virgin and the Sacred Heart, its Union Jacks and flags of the Sacred Heart, banderoles and multi-colored lights, palms and flowers, told enough that the church was rejoicing.

Sermon by His Grace  
Mgr. Langevin led in reciting the rosary and then proceeded to deliver the closing sermon. First, however, he made a special appeal to the faithful in favor of the orphanage opened by the Clerics of St. Viateur and which is placed under the patronage of St. Joseph. Proceeding with his sermon, His Grace recited the fall of man and the promise made by God that woman would crush the head of the serpent, which had won in the beginning a great triumph. Man, who had been created a being so pure as to challenge the admiration of the angels, had been debased until he was the victim of every evil passion. But God, instead of abandoning humanity to its fate, had promised to redeem it. God had waited four thousand years before sending the woman resplendent with purity which was to be the means of the restoration of truth. Satan had not known her. He had not been aware that she escaped the contamination of sin, and therefore he had refused to believe in the divinity of her Son. But his head was crushed. What joys could not the faithful derive from the contemplation of and the meditation upon the purity and triumph of Mary.

Dealing with another part of his subject, His Grace said: If every man knew his duty, the whole of humanity would kneel before the Blessed Virgin to honor her triumph over the spirit of evil. The Church has now defined the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, not because it was a new belief, but because our times seem to be in particular need of truth. There are so many who prefer rather to listen to the things that are agreeable; there are so many perverted minds clothed in erroneous ideas! They are indeed few, those who accept the truth without reticence, who willingly submit to all the teachings of the Church and all the consequences thereof. There is a general repugnance to accept the truths which hurt vanity and mortify the evil passions. How many are those who refuse to accept the teachings of the Church whole, who do not follow the directions which it gives, who act as if they were unbelievers? Indeed, if they were fully conscious of the position they take they would be heretics. These are those who say: I need no direction; I have my conscience to guide me. They deny the rights of authority; they raise themselves against the Church with insane vanity. They say, 'I know what is right and wrong, I have read all those books.' They say to us every day, 'I may read these forbidden works, there is no harm for me; I know life.' It is the same pride and false presumption that led our first parents to their downfall; it is the same words.

Closing Scenes  
Mgr. Langevin closed his sermon with a fervent prayer to Mary Immaculate to protect his flock against the blandishments of errors and the temptations of heresy.

The blessing of the new statue of the Immaculate Conception then took place, after which the clergy and sodality of the Children of Mary veiled in white, carried the image of the Blessed Virgin around the Church chanting Ave Maria and other hymns.

The Benediction of the Holy Sacrament and the singing of a solemn Te Deum concluded this imposing ceremony.

Obituary

The funeral of little Nora Murphy, 10 years of age, took place on Monday morning from her parents' residence, 429 McDermot avenue, to St. Mary's church, where requiem high mass was celebrated by the Rev. Fathers McCarthy and O'Dwyer, Miss Barrett singing very sweetly "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere." Interment took place at St. Mary's cemetery. The pallbearers were Charley Kelly, Mart Kelly, George Kelly and Homer Cronin. There were many beautiful flowers sent by sympathizing friends. Among them were wreaths from Mrs. Garland, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hendry, Mr. P. Withrowe, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Woodhead, Misses Marion and Lillian Wilkes, Mr. and Mrs. Gilkie, Mrs. A. Murphy and son, Misses Courtney, Miss Annie Ross, Mrs. Hayner, Mr. H. A. Falkner, Mr. W. Murphy and a heart from the family.

The death occurred on Wednesday morning at St. Boniface of Duncan D. Macdougall, of Mason street, St. Boniface, a teamster in the employ of the cycle paths board. Deceased had been suffering from typhoid fever for the last four weeks, and leaves to mourn his loss, besides a father and mother several brothers and sisters. He was unmarried and about 36 years of age.

THE LATE MR. DAVID O'CONNELL.

The Review tenders its sincere sympathy to Messrs. C. J. and Patrick O'Connell, of this city, in the sad bereavement they have suffered by the death of their brother David. After working twenty years on the Grand Trunk Railway at Toronto, he came to Manitoba two years ago, and was employed as a locomotive engineer on the Canadian Northern railway. About three weeks ago he contracted pneumonia and went to St. Boniface Hospital, where he died on the 7th inst., fortified by the last rites of Holy Church administered to him by Father Messier. Father Cherrier, the pastor of the deceased, was with him when he breathed his last. Mr. David O'Connell, who never married, was 42 years of age, much thought of by his fellow workmen and in fact by all who knew him.

The real funeral was to take place at Barrie, Ont., the home of the O'Connell family; but the body was first taken, on the 9th inst., early in the afternoon, from the Tecumseh House to the Church of the Immaculate Conception, where Father Cherrier read the prayers for the dead, after which the body was shipped east by the three o'clock train. Next morning Father Cherrier said Mass for the departed soul.

Mr. John O'Connell, brother of the deceased, Messrs. J. M. Dudley, H. Barr and D. Bell, of the Brotherhood of Engineers, accompanied the body east. The pallbearers were: P. Hugson, T. E. Allen, T. H. Huggert, T. T. Wolsey, J. H. Parker, H. Barr and D. Bell.—R.I.P.

C. M. B. A.,  
Dec. 7.

The Rev. Father A. A. Cherrier  
Winnipeg, Man.

Reverend and Beloved Father, at a meeting of the above Branch of the C. M. B. A. Daniel Smith, R. F. Hinds and W. J. Kiely were chosen to voice the sentiments of the officers and Brothers of Branch 52, to you on the death of your father. The following resolutions were submitted and accepted by a standing vote.

In this our Brother's hour of sorrow and affliction, "by the death of his aged and beloved father," that he mourns not alone, for we the Officers and Brothers of Branch 52 C. M. B. A. share with our beloved Brother his grief, feel with him his loss, and to fittingly express our sorrow and regret, we the above Branch of the C. M. B. A. hereby

Resolve: That we extend to the Rev.

Brother and his aged mother our sincere and heartfelt sympathy at their loss, and that it be engrossed on the minutes of the Branch Records.

Sgd. D. Smith  
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