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A Catholic Layman.

(Sacred Heart Review.)

I. We are hearing much today of he field for laymen's work in the Catholic Church, but we must not magine we are hearing something new, modern, twentieth-century, upo-date. It may, however, be mater of surprise for many if we mention as an example for Catholic aymen the great St. Philip Neri, who was born in Florence, Italy, in 1515, and died a venerable priest in Rome in 1595. Yet true it is that up to his thirty sixth year he seems never to have thought of the priestbood, and was, as his noted biograp her, Cardinal Capecelatro, remarks, 'living in the world, striving towards his own perfection, and doing good to others." Suddenly his confessor, Persiano Ross, "a most oly priest, " bade him change his manner of living for the priesthood. St. Philip at first refused in fear and rembling, at thought of that dread office; but, when his confessor persisted, he yielded, perceiving in his voice the will of God, and on May 23, 1551, he was ordained. Had he died ther, rather than at the close of the sixteeth century, he might have been proposed to Catho-

lie laymen as their patron, and the Oratorians might have lost their founder and their glorious saint. St. Philip Nero came to Rome when he was not twenty years of age. He was singularly beautiful in person, singularly clean of heart; and he had deliberately renounced a rich inheritance which had been promised him, and had chosen for

imself the poverty that Jesus Christ Himself chose when He came to in the world may learn much from constant help of the Holy Ghost in of the Holy Roman Church, was earth. In our day of eager search it; but let them remember that such our dealings with our non-Catholic himself an Oratorian, and that his for wealth, and of many plans to an apostolate is fruitful only when banish poverty if possible from the the heart is inflamed with the love earth's face, it is certainly well for of God; if the heart be cold, or en- conversion in a real spirit of love. an English priest belonging to the us to note that this young layman, tangled in any passion of earth, it For we learn that with St. Philip Ocatory in England of which the who was on his way to Rome, not to becomes unprofitable and even per- Neri this love, that inflamed his well beloved convert-priest, and onter a religious order, but to dwell nicious." Tourist Sleepers — Travel in the ordinary homes of the Roman citizens, had of his own free will turned his back on riches, and thus apostolate of this great layman last well as in reforming the discipline work of men well conversant with made his heart "truly free, free ed. The work of inflaming other and life of the Church." And so, St. Philip Neri and imb led with Tourist Sleepers leave Montreal every from this world's goods, so petty, round the charity for God in 1548, when he was thirty-three his spirit. It will be for many thursday at 9.30 s. m., through without so unsufficing, so unsufficing, so unsufficing, so unsufficing, so unsufficing so full so unsufficing, so uncertain, so full and man ot larged into that kindred years old, St. Philip began, in the among us an additional attraction

of anxieties, suspicions, fears, and work of converting souls from sin, company of his holy confessor, to the saint and his works to reenvyings; and had bound it fast to a task which he pursued, we are Persiano Ross, "the Confraternity member that his Oratory was in-God, the one eternal good." This told, "with an energy of will and a of Pilgrims and of the Convales. troduced into England by that great freedom of spirit, this liberty of perseverance beyond belief." In cent." He began with fifteen peo- leader of souls, John Henry Newspirit, is noticeable his long life deed, his contemporaries say that ple, simple and poor; they met in man. hrough; he is the cheerfullest of "he went about everywhere and all church for prayer and for hearing saints, this beautiful Florentine, who day long, constrained by his ardent Mass and approaching the sacrafinds himself rich enough when he love of souls." But it is to be ments; "but, above all, they spoke issued a pastoral letter warning his

they fancied; then, having won their things loss if only we may win suited to our own time. He slived hearts, he would speak to them Christ! about God and heaven, and his own love kindled theirs. They felt that

him and doing as he did, and grow- dilated that two of his ribs arched ing better in soul as they shared in outward, and, ever after, so rehis divine work.

tion. His apostolate went farther. " were filled with a secret and un-In shops and warehouses and banks, known joy, by being drawn by him on the streets and public places he to his beating heart." Cardinal was to be seen; and round him were Capecelatro writes :groups of eager hearers, to whom, gently, ardently, holily, with a di fascinating, (as Father Faber would bis joy. No one was angry.

"He had an extraordinary power Fair and comely in person, with a look of sunny brightness, and a most gracious and gentle flow of words his influence on hearts."

In Rome, a gentleman named vert a sinner, to induce him to give simple and familiar speaking of God going. The warning was a timely Daccia, a Florentine like himself up the occasions of sin and to love is Philip's first manner of preach- one. Montreal has just had a visit gave him within his bouse a home; God truly, he first prayed much for ing; -only a simple, clear, unadorn- from the greatest English actress of and there, for sixteen years, Pullip that sinful soul. And in speaking of God amongst men the day, every play in whose reper-

Nero lived. The house is thought of his long apostolate as a layman, who love God." Taen on the first 'oire should be a stench in the nosto have adjoined the church of San it must be remembered that it was Sunday in every month and through trils of pureminded women. The Eustachic, not far from the Panthe solidly built on prayer, and trans- Holy Week, the Blessed Sacrament art of Mrs. Patrick Campbell is on. It is recorded that his little fused and made radiant as Italian was exposed for adoration, and meretricious in the most literal coom held only books, a smell bed, sunshine with the most glowing Philip began, even during Exposi- sense of the word, for that adjective some chairs, a table, and a cord run love of God in his own soul. In tion, to speak publicly in the church. is derived from the Latin noun across the room, on which he hung fact, it is said of him that prayer, Very simple and gentle he spoke, meretrix, which means,—well, there his garments, such as they were purity and love of God were in him "always persuaded that a heart are several vigorous English words He instructed the two sons of the so closely united as to seem like one. filled with the love of God, and a in which its meaning might be ren-Caccia family, one of whom in after He used to be so filled with this gentle tenderness of manner, were dered, but they are all more or less l fe became a Cistercian, while the other was rector of a church near Florence. O.herwise, however, He would go off, all alone at night the way of perfection." While thus gown," a wonderful "creation" Philip lived apart from the family, to visit one by one the seven greater he touched and softened the hardest which costs a guinea an inch, should refusing even to share their meals, churches of Rome, a visit taking hearts, he was also employing his any Catholic women of Montreal subsisting daily on a small roll, a seven or eight hours time. followers in works of wide, univer- have been present at one of those few clives and herbs, with water Slowly, all rapt in prayer, he went, sal charity, and he held the sick performances. The great actress from the well, and declaring in later this man of poverty, this apostle of "especially dear." The new con- will not visit us, but others of inlife that, when he was yourg, he charity; and we know now that fraternity founded a hospital for ferior ability are beginning to come lived on three or four shillings a these solitary pilgrimages that he convalescents, and then the ap- to this province bringing with them Yet he was wonderfully happy. when he became a pries', into pil- to found the great work of the Pel. people will need to be on their

He studied philosophy and theology grimages of many, many of the legrini, when the poor pilgrims to guard against indiscriminate theatreor passibly three or four years, and faithful, where he once went alone. Rome were welcomed, sheltered, going, no less than the Catholics of he was himself a poet and loved Often too, until it was said of him humbly waited on, and fed, and their Montreal .-- Casket North British and Mercantile poetry. Above all he loved God and that he almost lived there, he spent tired feet washed, by priests, preto be carefully observed that he did of St. Sebastian, under-ground, pray- layman's direction. These pilgrims not forget his prayers in his studies. ing, and filling his mind with the then returned to their homes to tell Naturally, after three or four memory of the Church's early days, throughout Christendom how the years of unremitting application, he her martyrs, her combats, her pover- Christains in Rome indeed loved champion of the Bible as the Word found himself more learned, while ty and charity, victories, till his their fellow men. by grace he was more pious and soul was filled to overflowing with fervent and saintlike than before. " the fiery longing to see in himself And then he broke off his studies, and those around him the perfection, and sold his books, gave the price to the heroic devotion to Catholic the poor, and devoted himself to an truth, the martyr spirit, the scorn apostolate of charity. And it is ab. of this world's goods, the desire for solutely necessary for us to under- heaven, that characterized those meant love, absolute love of God our young laymen, who can not dwell in thought on the image of that attacked as valuing the Bible. She Out from his little room the young an example inciting them to the vidly the likeness of Jesus on earth. man went into the Roman hospitals, study of the Church's annals, the The Church has canonized many where with his own hands he made study of her saints and martyrs, saints who lived in the world, but I the beds, swept the floors, fed the till they, too, catch that chivalrons know of none who offers to Christains sick, brought them some little thing spirit of devotion which counts all a type of sanctity so beautiful and so

> he really cared for them, and they as we must always remember, he as a pestilence. He lived in the saw with what real love his beauti was still of the laity and not yet midst of Rome, with the idea of a ful soul delighted in its God. He thirty years of age, there came into true apostolate clear in his mind, and was a young man of exceptional re Philip's life one of the most marvel- realized to perfection in his life. finement, yet he gladly remained ous events ever recorded in the beside those sad and suffering people lives of the saints. It was during inspiration in a great love of God, According to testime regardless of painful and revolting the late springtime, very near the and therefore stoops to creatures and sights; he was a layman, yet he feast of Pentecost, and he was pray—would save them. It looks both at Hood's Sarsaparilla prayed beside the dyirg, consoling and helping them in the last conflic.
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> the while of the Holy at times to turn itself more immediation which rheumatism depends and builds up the whole system. By and by other persons associated Ghost, Who is "the substantial tely to the body, it is only that it may seems Prove series

themselzes with Philip in this Love of the Father and the Son." blessed work; rich citizens, noble- Then suddenly it seemed to him men, men of the people, imitated that a globe of fire entered his him. At last this young layman, mouth and sank into his heart, and fair of face and fair of soul and oh ! a new and most powerful working so poor in this world's goods, was of the love of God was in him, so followed through the hospital wards that, as is well known and to this by both priests and laity, admiring day attested, his heart became so mained. Through his long life Then he took another step, one afterward, that heart violently more noticeable and startling, sp-pealing to our most thoughtful— purest rapture; and again and again shall we not add, prayerful? atten- men were freed from temptation, or Feb. 12, 1902-10i

" Were not the thought presump- Cardinal and Gratesian aimself applies (uous, I would add that this rest the example of St. Philip the layman vine charm and without human re- and sweetness and serenity, pro- to our own day of so-called culture, spect or cowardly fear, he talked of duced in so many by the mere and dwells on the need there is that God. He goes to the schools now, drawing near to Philip's throbbing seculars should use their attainments no longer to study, but to speak of heart, carries my mind back to our for the defence of true r ligion, and divinest wisdom. God was to him Lord Jesus Christ, and to the disci- follow Philip's example "by speaking so dear, so altogether lovely, so ple whom He loved, and whom He words like rays of sacred light, in permitted to rest his head on His tamilies, in social gatherings, in say, "there is no other word for Sacred Heart. But such compari- friendly converse, in the press." He it!") that Philip wanted all his son can not be presumptuous if only remark that the words of peace and fellow men to know it and to share we remember the infinite distance truth and love that Philip spoke in of drawing souls, and an interior acknowledge that whatever in them a ray reflected from Him."

Now mark well what followed, cause "the faith they profess is given says his biographer, " was irresisti- for it has a most practical bearing them not merely to hold, but to deble. . . . When the love of on one of the greatest works that fend against all comers." The ex-Jesus is living in a heart, it con. Catholic laymen are called upon to ample of St. Pnilip Neri while a laystrains the will to speak of God, and do in our own day. We can not ex- man in Rome may well be set forth it gives the spoken words a true pect so visible a communication of in our Catholic federations, men's beauty, a force of persuasiveness, an the Holy Spirit to proceed this sodalities and societies. eloquence irresistible. . . . It work in each individual case; but In connection with this subject

seems to us a new and strange certainly we are taught, by the b - we should distinctly consider that apostolate, yet its results were in stowal of that visible gift on St. Alphonsus Capecelatre, Archbishoo calculably great. Young men living Philip, to ask for the special and of Capua, and now Cardinal Priest brethern, so that we may act to- work has had the advantage of bewards them in our work for their ing transalated into our tongue by heart and deluged his intellect, brilliant writer, Frederick William

"had its large share in staying the Faber, was also a member. The For ten years the wonderful course of the Protestant heresy, as original and translation, then, are the

the end of his apostolate as a layman, the time that the Pope's letter on biographer :-

visit those famous Catacombs, the youth, so holy, so gracious, and so. true Church's true Halls of Fame, comely, who brings before us so vias a layman in the midst of Rome; without thought or care of the world. In those Catacombs, and while, yet not idle, for idleness he shunned FIRST-CLASS

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Archbishop Bruchesi recently noted that when he strove to con- to each other of God. . . This flock against the dangers of theatremade were to ripen in after years, proaching jubilee of 1550 led Philip plays of a similarly evil odor. Our

> "As it is now," says the New York Sun, " the Pope is the sole bold, positive, ancompromising of God." A remark very similar to this was made to a priest of this diocese by one of the leading Presby-Thus we bring this great layman to terisn ministers in Nova Scotia at though we may well say with his the reading of the Holy Scripture appeared. For centuries the Church "I know not how to tear myself has been attacked as not valuing away from him, so great a joy is it to the Bible; henceforth she will be has not changed her position; her opponents have .- Casket.

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