FIVE-MINUTE SERMON

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The fitteenth chapter in the Gospel of St. Luke, from which I have taken the foregoing words, contains three parables; one speaks of a father who loses ables; one speaks of a father who loses one of his sons, the other of a woman who loses a goat, and the third of a shepherd who loses one of his sheep. All three tell us of the desire and efforts of God to bring the sinner back to the path of virtue. These parables are laden with consolation for us.

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Our Saviour gave them in order to silence the Parisees, who were acoudalized because He showed Himself so concerned about sinners. They grumbled and said: "This max receiveth sinners, and eateth with them." People stray from the path of righteousness in many ways. Some err through ignorance, others fall into sin by carelessness. Others sin through human weakness; they associate with evil companions and are in this way misled. Some, however, sin maliciously, and these are pictured in the parable of the lost son, who voluntarily leaves nis father's house. Just as the shepherd seeks to recover voluntarily leaves nis father's house. Just as the shepherd seeks to recover his sheep, the woman her goat, and the father his son, so does God seek the sinner. And many are His ways to make the sinner realize his evil doings. If admonitions, as for instance those received in sermons or in the confessional, do not avail, God often uses more severe means. Therefore we read in

sion, Death and Resurrection, so in this lasting "memorial" of all these wondrous deeds of love, Jesus, "the same yesterday, to-day, and forever," is all for us. He "loved me and delivered Himself for me." And the truth that little children hold a privileged place in this self-abasing love of the Sacred Heart forms the opening theme of the present Decree on the Early First Communion of children. The Eucharist is the main safeguard of childish innocence; and the need of the child must be our first consideration, just as, according to the teaching of Pope Plus X., it is also the primary concern of the Sacred Heart.

The priest should be summoned even to young children who are danger-onely sick, whether they have made their First Communion or not, and even though they may not yet have reached their seventh year. In spite of appearances, the child may be found, upon grumbled he sinners, ple stray in many gnorance, elessness, weakness; nions and however, pictured son, who so house the communion. Supposing the child to be capable, it is also bound to receive Viaticum, since the precept of Communion presses definitely for fulfilment at the however, pictured son, who so house have the presence of the world, enstructured in the human soul—redemption being the progressive education of the human soul—redemption the human soul—redemption of the human soul—redement with his man all for all for or deciration and the relayed preserve deucation of the human soul—redement with his mean, all for or of God inexrnate in Garrison, Frances will-lawer and in every individual, and Christendom has merely intensified of the precent derection of God inexrnate in Garrison, Frances will

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has worked most zealously for the renewal of all things in Christ. He seeks to revive the spirit of Christianity in view of the unrelenting and insidious attacks now made upon it. . But this renewal is not to be effected so much by new things as by a new fervor in the use of old things. . If we thoughtfully review the many signal acts of the present Pontificate, we may, indeed, be struck by their Apostolic simplicity, directness and boldness, but novelty will not impress us as being their leading feature."

Father Zulueta explains that the recent decree warns us that First Communion is not to be put off, (when once discretion — of the moderate degree specified—haz dawned), on the "specious ples" that, if we wait awhile, the child will be better prepared to receive Holy Communion. Oh, no! He says that "it is the strengthening of the child's weak will which is first to be considered, rather than that additional reverence towards Christ expected from, but not always really secured by, protracted preparation." He says:

"As with us, so with the children it is the same old, old tale of infinite love and condescension on our Lord's part. Just as, in His Incarnation and in His Life, Pas-

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ing," unless the denial of the Divine Personality and fundamental teachings of Jesus Christ, and therefore of the causative principles of modern civiliza tion, may be so designated.—M. KENNY

HOW CARDINAL LOGUE SPOILED HIS BALLOT

Cardinal Logue is, after all the most beloved figure in Irish public life. He is a Celt to his finger tips, Irish down to the well-springs of his heart's blood. He has an inexhaustible fund of homor, and like all true humorists, can enjoy the story when the laugh turns on himself. He is a man of peace and would push conciliation to extremes, writes Rev. Owen B. McGuire, D. D. He thinks that the Irish party should conciliate Tim Healy and keep him the trinks that the Irish party should conciliate Tim Healy and keep him within its ranks. In the late election, therefore, asked to nominate Tim, he answered he could not take public part on either side, but that he would come to Dundalk as a private citizen to vote for Tim. He came to Dundalk, hired an open car at the station, and drove to the booth where he recorded his vote.



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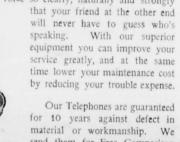
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