

WHAT IS CHARITY?

How is it exemplified in the Church—Bishop Ireland's Address at the Conference of Charities in St. Paul, Minn.

A large audience assembled in the high school hall to listen to Rt. Rev. John Ireland, Bishop of the diocese of St. Paul, expound the system of charities in the Catholic Church.

SYSTEM OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES.

A high honor has been conferred upon me in the invitation to read before this distinguished body a paper on the system of charities in the Catholic Church. I will be permitted to express my sincere appreciation and recognition of the generous and high minded spirit in which you approach the study of charity—lofty, all embracing as the spirit itself of the truest charity—refusing your impartial attention to none of the several agencies, whatever their peculiar connections, that are engaged in the holy task of helping suffering humanity.

Me. Those supernatural motives are the whole foundation of the system of charities in the Catholic Church, without them the system falls at once to the ground. The personification of Christ in suffering humanity invests it with the divine halo, and the hearts of Christians believing in this personification are drawn to the poor with power magnetic, which they dare not resist under penalty of refusing tender love to the Babe in Bethlehem and the Saviour of Calvary.

CHRIST WITH THE DESTITUTE.

Those of you who have read something of Catholic Hagiology are aware that the conviction of this union of Christ with the destitute and the suffering has sunk most deeply into Catholic tradition, and completely colors the Catholic feeling of charity. The Roman soldier Martin, meeting in the roadside a beggar shivering from cold, takes his mantle from his shoulders, cuts it in twain, and with one half clothes the beggar.

East River where small-pox patients need their care; the priest rushing headlong amid shells and bullets to whisper consolation into the ears of the dying warrior—scenes of this kind are ordinary common occurrences. No one wonders at them; but marvel would be if they did not exist. The Church organizes charity; organization establishing unity of action amid numbers is in all matters the means to great and enduring success.

To Be Continued.

LIFE'S BURDENS

A large part of life's burdens are self-imposed and wholly needless. Fears of calamities which never happen, a suspicious disposition, a jealous turn of mind—these are the tyrants that load us with burdens heavy to bear, but needless to carry.

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