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THE PASTORAL CARE DISPLAYED BY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

In today's Gospel Christ speaks of Himself as the Good Shepherd, and such indeed He was, and we find in Holy Scripture abundant evidence of His love for His flock, and of His faithful discharge of His office as shepherd. When He had completed His work here on earth, He returned to His Father in heaven, but He first instituted the Church, and entrusted to her the office that He had held, so that the love of the Good Shepherd might be with us to the end of time. The Church, faithful to the commission of her Divine Founder, is like a loving mother in her care for her children, and it is this pastoral care displayed by the Catholic Church that I wish to consider today.

The Church instructs the ignor As soon as a child develops the gift of reason and is capable of understanding the higher truths of faith, he becomes an object of the Church's love and care. She sends her priests into the schools to follow the example of Him who loved little children, and make known to them the words of Salvation. They teach the little ones to know God and to appreciate His Power, His Wisdom, His Goodness and His Sanctity; they teach them about our Divine Saviour and the infinite love with which He sought and loved mankind; they instruct them in God's Commandments, showing them how they must walk, if they are to succeed in reaching their goal. This instruction is carried on for years, and thus our faith is planted and firmly established in the hearts of our chil-

On Sundays and festivals the Church summons all to the house of God, where, in the presence of the faithful, the priest, speaking in the you will realize every day more and Name of God and His representative. expounds the law and preaches the Word of God. In the holy tribunal of penance the confessor has an opportunity of helping each individ-ual who entrusts himself to his direction; he can remove doubts, point out dangers and state what must be done and what avoided, in order to plaase God.

2. The Church strengthens those engaged in conflict. Moses once raised his arms in prayer, when from the mountain top he watched the battle raging in the valley below between the Israelites and the Amalekites, and by his earnest supplications obtained a victory for his own nation. In the same way the Church constantly implores strength and courage for her children during their contest in this vale of tears against the powers of the world, the flesh, and the devil; and her prayers, rising to the throne of God, bring down upon them grace and power to triumph. In the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar she possesses a treasure of grace, which she distributes to her children as the Bread of Life to sustain them in their war-Whoever receives this Holy Sacrament worthily, is filled with strength from on high, and enabled to overcome all his adversaries, no how numerous and mighty they may be, for Christ our Lord is fighting on his side.

3. The Church seeks the erring Remembering that the souls even of so often clamoring to take all power sinners have been redeemed with the and authority into their hands is cerpractions Blood of Christ, the Church tainly no compliment to the mansacks her erring children with a mother's love. She turns to God, the source of all mercy, who bestows the source of all mercy, who bestows lack of proper authority and self-lack of proper authority and self-la the grace necessary for conversion, and implores Him to save them. In order that her prayers may more cartainly be heard, she offers daily upon her alters the Lamb of God. Who gave Himself up for the sins of the whole world, and the voice of His Blocd and His love finds access to without the authority of man, and God and obtains grace and mercy for sinful men. The Church invites all themselves.

"That leads to a feminism which "That leads to a feminism which the state of God and obtains grace and mercy for begin to usurp a great deal of it for who have gone astray to return to her bosom; with tender words of certainly, unless it is curbed in time, divine compassion she calls to them : desire not the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live." And: "It your sins he as scarlet, they shall be made as he as scarlet, they shall be made as white as snow; and if they be red as crimson, they shall be white as wool." And: "The Son of Man came not to destroy souls, but to part of man which is giving an part of man which is giving an Whenever, therefore, an erring soul turns back with true contrition, it finds a loving welcome in the holy Tribunal of Penance, and is of course, in the end brings physical absolved from all its sine and short- disorder. The remedy is the proper

loyal son of the Catholic Church, can not tyranny, but rightful, legitimate, fearlessly depart from this world, for kindly authority. the deathbed of a dying Catholic stands a priest with power and authority to open to him the control of the con stands a priest with power and authority to open to him the gates of the Christian heads of households. heaven, and to guide him through You must be kind, of course, and conthe darkness of death to the home of everlasting glory. A priest's power is never so great as when he stands right, is the head of the family. by a deathbed; then he is able to That headship means that he ought forgive every sin, however grievous, to look after the morals of the whole

His Sheep. Let us thank our divine and such similar distractions. Redeemer for founding this Church, and for having allowed us to be born and brought up as Catholics, whilst

with veneration and love, by obeying her precents and observing her Commandments. Let us always be atten tive to her voice and live as her faithful children, and then both in life and in death we shall spjoy her love and blessing. Amen.

CARDINAL O'CONNELL

GIVES ELOQUENT EXPOSITION OF ACTUAL CHRISTIAN AND CIVIC DUTIES

WARNS CATHOLIC MANHOOD AGAINST IMPENDING PERILS

At the close of a Mission for the men of the Holy Cross Cathedral, Boston, two thousand men thronged the historic sacred edifice and listened with bated breath to the solemn and measured words of final admonition uttered by His Eminence, the Cardinal, who throughout his long career as a pulpit orator has seldom spoken with more force and occasion will be long remembered by the great congregation of Catholic men, each one of whom carried home with him a treasure of practical advice which will bring forth wholesome fruit during the coming year.

CARDINAL'S ADDRESS

"Daring this last week you have seen the truth, you have experienced the relations that exist between God and yourselves. These are the only permanent things in all human life. Now, my dear men, with the grace of God in your hearts, go back to your daily tasks strengthened and sancti-Fear nothing. God is with The true riches of the world fled. are the riches of the soul which God has given you so bountifully. There is no poverty, there can be no poverty where the riches of God's grace abide.

"Go forth strong in your confidence that God has chosen you to do the work of your lifetime according to "Pro you will realize every day more and more what those plans are when you are faithful to the laws and the commandments of God.

These are the true, the solid foundations of real society, of real to be presented calmly and re welfare and true happiness. You are ably, and then adjusted rightly. the men upon whom this Commonwealth depends to preserve law and order, righteousness and trust and

honesty. "I cannot be unmindful of the good work which the Passionist Fathers have done here during the last two weeks. Certainly, were it not that the strength of God is with them, they could never endure such a strain. They will have this great satisfaction to carry away with them -that they leave behind them a memory of holiness that we all shall treasure and cherish.

You know, my dear men, that two of the greatest and most prevalent evils of the day are the license rampant in society and the extravawhich one sees everywhere. Now, the one thing that will preserve proper order in your homes is the Christian authority of the Christian father of a family. There is no doubt that one of the chief causes of the sinister feminism of which we read so much and see quite enough, is what would appear to be a growing weakness on the part of the manhood

"The very fact that women are cise the rightful authority due to his you for it by peace and contentment position. But if he abdicates that

ivine compassion she calls to them:
As I live, saith the Lord God, I
manity, because it is unnatural. I am undus prominence to the feminine

This produces moral disorder, and, 4. The Church leads the dying to heaven. Whoever has lived as a father of a family. Not domination,

siderate, but there must be order, and the man by every natural and divine provided only that the dying man is family. He ought to see that they truly contrite.

The Catholic Church is the loving they are not led into temptation mother of all her children, just as through evil associations by frequenting the base theatre, dances

NEED OF ECONOMY

"Another evil that we are seeing Another evil that we are seeing on all sides is the evil of extravagants.

Another evil that we are seeing on all sides is the evil of extravagant in truth that we have tried to be of Edu into a Protestant.

Glory be! What a terrible job! Another evil that we have given our lives to His service, that what on time for useless extravagance.

"If wages are bigb, if there is more money now than is necessary for your daily expenditures, then the part of the wise man, naturally, would be to save the surplus, and to insist upon such economy in his family. Instead what do we see? The wildest sort of extravegance, purchasing of luxuries which is almost criminal. Sooner or later the day is bound to come when the money that you now have will be sorely needed. Therefore, I beg of you to see that in your households there is more wise, systematic economy than ever. If there be a sur-

plus, save it. "There is a time, of course, for everything, for work as well as for prayer. In fact they ought to go together. When work is done for God, it is prayer. I think most of you know when your day's labor is over. I never know. It is never over. We stand together as hard laborers, for the welfare of the world, the salvation of our own souls and the glory of God.

WORK A BLESSING

"My dear men, do not forget that work is a sacred thing. The world is being flooded now with a false philosophy, the chief purpose of which is to make men think that work is something accursed, something to fly from. On work the contrary, work is a blessed thing. It is a grace of God oftentimes, and when performed in the proper Christian spirit, it brings happiness and contentment.

"Of course, we wish, and I, for my part, shall do my share in insisting that men be not overworked. Over work is wrong. But also, I would fail in doing my duty toward God and toward you if I allowed to go unrebuked any system of false philos-ophy which tells you the less you work the better. A man is better physically, mentally and morally for just as much work as he can do consistent with his health and other

"Proper pay, proper remuneration for work, we must have; but not a parable; it is your turn. A gentle-continuous and senseless clamor for man had killed a man. He was not more, as if there were no limit, for suspected, but remoree caused him such a course would only break up to wander abroad. One day, as he

IDLENESS A CURSE

"There are many forces in the State which prescribe the proper conditions of labor, toil and remuneration. It ought to be an easy question to settle. But, underneath that question, which is perfectly legiti-mate and right,—that is, the proper labor of a man, under proper conditions, with proper remuneration, there is abroad a diabolical spirit of rate, it is my duty as a gentleman discontent. There may be men who not to keep you a minute more under fear labor, hate labor. But that is my roof! The man went his way. unnatural and unChristian.

"There is also a latent spirit workour Christian working men. It some old women who were waiting strives to instill into them little by near a confessional. When his turn strives to instill into them in the strike, again strike, more strike, and with strike and perpetual strike, and with praying, head on hands. 'My father,' said he, 'I am not a Catholic, but I said

"Be on your guard against it. Have your own right Christian views about labor. We must have them. We must stand by the laborer, but in justice, and I am the first one to stand there. We must take our stand against this diabolical spirit of unrest, of discontent, of perpetual strikes, of unnatural and unjust de-

"I look to you, good Catholic, Christian men, who know what Jus-tice is, to be the safeguard and the of heart.

Demand what is right and just. In return, do what is right and just, and be careful not to be led blindfolded by people who appear to be working for your interests but who at bottom are working for the destruction of all righteous interests.

THE CATHOLIC IDEAL

"Be true to your position as Chrisian fathers. Exercise moderately kindly, but firmly your Christian authority. Make yourselves respect-ed in your own homes, first of all by good, Christian example, and by kindness and provision for the needs of the family. Then curb, as far as you can, all needless expenditure, not for the sake of penury or of avar That would be worse than the evil condition. Have a just and reasonable consideration of your present needs and of the future Moreover, remove this curse of luxury that is sapping the founda-tions of modern life. It is wrong in itself, saps the strength of young manhood and womanhood and lures them to spend all their money on

"So, beloved men, once more at the close of this annual mission which brings with it such heartening train of graces, I beg Almighty God to send into the hearts of all of us stronger faith, greater readiness to serve Him, to obey His laws, to live near to Him in the Sacrament of the Altar.

"May that good and loving Saviour, of the Church of Rome. Jesus Christ, who gave Himself entirely for us, give us also the grace to love Him more, to live for Him entirely so that, at the end of these general ran of his kind, breaks loose

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"Most significant and thoughtormpelling" is what the editor of the American Church Monthly, the High Anglican magazine, well terms the following "parable" from André Maurois's "Les Silences du Colonel Bramble "O'Grady, you are an Irishman,

tell me why the Catholic chaplains have more prestige than ours." 'Padre," said the doctor, "listen to suspected, but remoree caused him such a course would only break up all order.

When there is just grievance it ought to him that he must share his burdensome secret, and asked the burdensome secret, and asked the vicar to hear his confession. The vicar was a well-educated young man. a former student of Eton and Oxford Enchanted at the rare opportunity he cried eagerly. your heart, you can speak to me as a father.' The other began: 'I have committed murder.' The vicar jumped up. 'You tell me that! Wretched murderer! I am not sure that it is not my duty to take you to the nearest police-station. At any-Some kilometers further he saw a Catholic church. A last hope caused ing, manifest oftentimes even among him to enter, and he knelt behind some old women who were waiting would like to confess to you.' listening my son.' 'Father I have committed murder.' He waited for the effect. The priest said gently, How often, my son?'

> The doctor's little parable shows as well as could an hour's learned exposition the Church's attitude toward the sinner. Her high mission is to hallow her children and lead bem to Heaven by changing sinners into ponitents. So her confessors, though they have of course been every lawful means should be used to keep the sinner from going away unrependant and unabsolved. Therefore, the confessor never seems to be surprised or scandalized at anything he hears and with a bundred holy artifices encourages faltering ponitents to cleanes their besoms thoroughly from the perilous stuff that is ruining their soul's health. Encompassed with infirmity himself, he can feel for those who have been vanquished for a time in the neverending battle they must wage with atan, the world and the flesh. So he bends down, tenderly helps his penitents to rise, pours into their wounds oil and wine, and starts them forward again, heartened and rejoicing, on their way to Heaven .-

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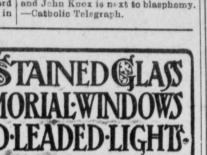
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