

Why the Pope Does not Wear a Cross.

The question was recently asked by some inquiring Protestants visiting Rome, "Why does the Pope not wear a cross like the Bishops?" A learned prelate and theologian gives the following explanation of this fact: The Pontificate of St. Peter was a long one. It lasted twenty-five years. During this time he sent a great number of missionaries to evangelize the northern countries, among others, St. Materno, who was sent to Germany. Forty days after his arrival Materno died, and one of his brethren came to Rome to acquaint St. Peter with the fact and beg him to send some one else to fill the post of the dead missionary. The Prince of the Apostles, however, merely said, "Take my crozier, touch the dead man with it and say that I command you to tell him to 'Arise and go forth to preach.' At the order of one whose very shadow cured the infirm the miracle was accomplished, and St. Materno, quitting his tomb full of life and vigor, continued his mission and became Bishop of Treves. It is in memory of this circumstance that the successors of St. Peter do not carry a pastoral crozier or wear a cross except when they happen to visit the diocese of Treves. These statements are handed down to us by Pope Innocent III, and St. Thomas Aquinas.

Keep Them in Their Trunks.

A teacher was explaining to a little girl how the trees developed their foliage in the spring time. "Ah, yes," said the wee miss, "I understand; they keep their summer clothes in their trunks!"

The Points He Lacked.

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