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# The Portiuncula

#### The Great Pardon of Saint Francis of Assisi as it Came Down Through Seven Centuries

Several miles out from Rome to the portheast rise the Umbrica bills, beyond which again fower the Appenines. On the sunny side of one of these Umbrian hills, called Mount Sublaso, nestles the little town of Assist, the delight of artists for its picturesque situation and quaint, unconventions ettests, and the joy of devout souls for the thousandboly associations that make it a veritable gem in the Christian world since St. Francis exalted "Holy Poverty" there nearly seven hundred years ago.

It is a little town of hard six thousand people, but the visitors to its many shrines of St. Francis and St. Clare often greatly outnumber its regular inhabitants. Especially is this true on one day in every year, without fail. Since A. D. 1223, August 2 (or more properly speaking, from three p.m. of August 1 till sundown of August 2), the day of the Great Pardon of St. Francis. People from all the surrounding country, and from remote parts of Europe, all the church and the surrounding streets of Our Lady of the Angels to cobtain the plenary indulgence so singu-larly won for them by that is the man, the founder after Jesus Chilst of the most numerous body of religious in the church, whose very name stands for burning love for Jesus Christ-the seraphie St. Francis.

The Portiuncula-or little portionwas originally a small chapel belonging to the Benedictines, and dedicated to Our Lady of the Angels. In St. Francis' sime it had fallen into disuse and deesy. The Benedictizes had left it for larger quarters. Answering his first wall to God's service, Francis had it repaired. Besides working at it with his own heads, he begged help for it from passars-by, until it, was perfectly re-leved. Two other distend sanctuaries h Assisi were in the same manner repaired by St. Francis, big assistance thus given physically typifying the spiritual aid rendered by him and his Order to God's church in need.

Shortly after the restoration of St Mary's. Francis and his disciples were looking for some place where they might praise God together, and the Benedictines offered them this chapel and the house and ground adjoining. Francis joyfully accepted, naming it his "Portiuncuia," or little part, and to emphasize his repugnance to absolute ownership of anything, he there and then made it a rule that every year his brothren would present to the Beneaictines a certain quantity to. Ash as a sort of feif. Around the little chapel is now amilt a bassilica. It is the cradie of the great Franciscan Orders, and one of the resat shrines of Christendom.

Here, in 1221, on the anniversary of the ucdication of his little chapel. St. Francis was favored with a vision on the Altar of our Divine Lord and His Blessed Mother in a glory of soft light.



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can, Luke Wadding :---"Francis, ask of Me what thou wilt for the salvation of souls, for I have given thee to the world to be the light of peoples and the support of My Church."

After a moment's pause, Francis an-

"Or thrice Holy God! If I have found favor in Thy eyes, grant that all who, contrite and absolved, visit this little church may receive a falk pardon of all their sins and of the punishment due to their sins."

There was no answer immediately, as If the favor were too greaf, and Francis beseeched the Mother of God to aid his plea.

"Go, then," said our Lord, "to My Vienr and demond this indulgence in My name."

Francis lost no time in repairing to Rome with two companions, and presenting his petition to Pope Honorius

"Most Holy Father, a few years ago I repaired a little church in your domin ions dedicated to the Mother of God. 1 beg your Holiness to enrich it with a valuable indulgence without the obligation or almsgiving."

"For now long a time, my son, do you

grant me souls, not years. I ask all who repentant and absolved, shall visit' the Church of St. Mary of the Angels shall receive plenary, remission of their sins for this world and the next,"

"What thou askest is great and quite unusual at the Court of Rome," an-

swered the Pope.
"I do not ask it in my own name, but in the name of Jesus Christ, who har sent me." Francis answered. And, Inspired by the Holy Chost, the Pontin replied promptly, and repeated it three

"In the name of Our Lord. We are pleased that thou abouldst have this indulgance."

Some cardinals present demurred, remarking it would interfere with the pilgrimages to Rome and Jerusale

fresly granted. .. It to Our will that this indulgence: be available in perpetuity. during the space of one natural day from the first vespers of one day to the last yespers of the next."

St. Francis had not named any day, por could he decide for nearly two years afterward, till our Divine Lord again appeared and chided him for the delay. St. Francis begged our Lord Himself to choose the day, and he graciously an-

"It is My will that it be the day when I broke the chains off Peter, the prince of My apostles-from the first vespers of that day to the evening of the morrow. Go again to him who is My vicar that he may promulgate this indula

And so he did; St. Peter in Chains

was celebrated on the let of August, so

he great new day of mercy so singularly chosen by our Lord Himself was inaugurated, and Pope Honorius sent neven Bishops to the little town of Assisi to solemnly announce it. It is related by the great Annalist Wasding that each of the seven Bishope in turn announced it "in perpetuity," though each one desired to suppress the phrase. Such was the commencement of the great pardon of St. Francis. For two hundre. Years it was confined to that little chapel of the Portiuncule, which was, each 2nd of August, the acens of a wondrous gathering of ponitents. After this the Pope was moved to extend it to all the Franciscan churches of the world. Succeeding Popes have ctill further extended it to churches where members of the Third Order (the lay order) meet, and even to other churches when no Franciscan church is available.

The obligation of receiving Holy Communion, either their day or the day before is required for all the churches outside Assiel, however. Confession and communion and a vivit to the church so. privileged are all that is necessary to gaining the inducance of the Portion. cula. One may not gain it but once for himself, but he may gain it as many as hundred times for the souls in purgatory if he can go in and pray, and come out again so often... There is no set form. or duration of prayer. Five Our Fathers and Hail war is and Glories in unison

St. Francie bimself was in the habit

with the sovereign Pontiff's prayers are

of saying on entering a church i We adore. Thee, O Lord, Jesus Christ's here and in all the churches of the whole world, and profee Thee because through Thy cross Thou hast redoemed the world."

As he fell on his face, our Lord accosted him in these words, according to the historian, the great Irish Francis-

III. in these words :

wish this influence ?"

"Holy Father, may it please you to

times .

"We cannot revoke what We have

recommended, but any form may be fol-

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# CARDINAL LEDOCKOWSKI DEAD ( 💳

The Great Prefect of the Sacred Congregation de Propaganda Fide Passes Away.

Rome, July 22.-Cardinal Ledochowski, Prefect of the Congregation of the Propaganda, died this morning after a long illness Cardinal Ledochowsk' was born at Gork, October 29, 1822, and was a descendant of an illustrious Polish family

The Pope, on learning of Cardinal Ledochowski's death, was greatly distressed and, exclaimed "A valiant fighter for the church and relig on has gone His memory be blessed " The Pontiff then knelt and prayed for the repose of the Cardinal's soul

With Cardinal Ledochowski's death Cardinals San Stefano and Parochi are the only surviving Cardinals created by Pope Pius IX.

To-night the candidates for the post made vacant by the death of Cardinal Ledochowski are equal in number to the hours which have elapsed since the Cardinal's decease. In addition to Cardinal Vannutelli, Cardinal Drancis Satolli, formerly Apostolic Delegate to the United States, is prominently mentioned as a candidate for the Prefecture of the Congregation of the Propaganda. He is reputed to be a special protege of the Pontiff, whose power of appointing is absolute It is pointed out that Cardinal Satolli's thorough knowledge of American affairs peculiarly fits him for the Prefecture, the United States being the most important country with which the Propaganda

Note-Miccislas Ledochowski was op of Gnesen and Posen, Was creat-

## DEATH OF ARCHBISNOP CROKE

The Idustrious Archbishop of Cashel Is No More-Loss to Ireland and the Church.

London, July 22.-The death is announced of the Most Rev. Thomas W. Croke, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Cashel, Ireland, and Ad ministrator of Emly. He was born in 1824 and consecrated in 1870.

## The Late Archbishop Feehan

Chicago, July 18 .- With solemnly imposing ceremony and in the presence of the Cardinal of the church and a great gathering of ecolesiastical dignitaries, the funeral rites were performed for the late Archbishop Patrick A. Fechan yesterday at the Cathedral of the Holy Name Early in the day a series of Masses was begun by the numerous visiting priests, ending in the Solemn Requietn Mass.

During the funeral service crowds thronged the streets in the vicinity of the cthedral, which was filled to overflowing by members of the clergy and a favored few of the laity, Carsinal Gibbons, with his descons, of-



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ficiated at the Solemn Pontifical Requiem, which was conducted by Bishon John Lancaster Spaiding of Peoria. Archbishop Ryan, of Philadelphia, delivered the funeral sermon After the Mass Cardinal Gibbons pronounced the absolution. The body of the dead churchman was then borne to a vault in Calvary Cemetery, whence it will be removed to its last resting place in the new ceme-

tery of Mount Carmel. The funeral cortege was probably bro of the most imposing that ever passed through the streets of this city Catholic dignitaries from many sections of the country were present and did honor to their late co-laborer. Military, civic and church bodies accompanied the funeral car Among the principal churchmen present were: Archbishop Ireland, Bishop Jansen, of Belleville; Bishop Ryan, Alton. Bishop Dunne, Dallas; Bishop Mo-Gavick, Chicago; Bishop Burke, St. Joseph, Mo ; Bishop O'Donoghue, Indianapolis; Bistiop Scannell, Omaha; Bishop Foley, Detroit, Bishop Glennon, Kanzas Oliy; Bishop Aiderling, Fort Wayne; Bishop Schwebach, La Crosse; Bishop Byrne, Nashville; Bishop Trobec, St. Cloud, Minn.; Bishop Eis, Marquetter Bishop Mulborn in 1822, was formerly Archbish- doon and Chancellor Barry, both of Chicago.

It is estimated that during the ti the body of the dead Archbishop lay in state in the cathedral over 75,000 persons passed it in review. So great was the demand for admission to the services to-day that after the 1,500 visiting priests had been accommodated only two lay persons from each parish in the Chicago Archdiocese could be admitted

# OBITUARY.

The Register regrets exceedingly to record the death of Mrs. D. R. Macgillis of St. Andrew's, on July 11. We will publish an obituary notice in another issue.

## REMARKABLE SUCCESS.

An occasional correspondent at Cobourg sends us the following facts us to the success of the pupils of the Convent School of that town who were sent up to write at the Entrance Examinations in June last by Mother Superior Juliana. There were twelve children sent up to write-six females and six males—and every one passed with creditable figures, as follows. Females-Dorothy Butler, 792, Bessie Downs, 590, Mamie Fox, 687, Mary Veronica McAllister, 628; Jessie Orr, 837; Katle Welsh, 890. Males-James Bulger, 630; Leo Craig, 724; Allan Craig, 678; William Duffy, 677, John Kearns, 594; Arnold Plunkett,

This speaks well for the efficiency and care of the teaching staff of St. Joseph's Convent School of Cobourg. and for which the good Sisters are de serving of high commendation.

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### CARDINAL MORAN MAY COME

The Great Australian Cardinal Now in Ireland May Return by Way of Canada

A Montreal telegram says Word was received in the city to-day that Cardinal Moran, the highest dignitary of the Catholic Church in Australia, Who has been at Rome visiting the Pope on the occasion of his jublice, would return home by way of Cau- of the State staircase the party were

Distinguished Conadian Ecclesiastics A Montreal telegram says A message from Rome states that the great university examinations there are over and that the following were the results for the students of the Canadian College at Rome. University of St. Apollinaire-Licentiate of Canon law, Father Couvrette, of Montreal, and Father Kingsley, of Toronto Gregorian University (Jesuit)-Licentiate of theology, Father Kidd, of Toronto. University of the Propaganda - Doctor of philosophy, Father Henry O'Leary, Chatham. University of Minerva-Doctor of philosophy and theology, Abbe L. As

#### Archbishop Ryam at Barrie

Desjardines, of Montreal

His Grace Archbishop Ryan, o Philadelphia, who was recently appointed a member of the Board of Indian Commissioners by President Roosevelt, is visiting friends in Bartle. He celebrated Mass here on Sunday and charmed his hearers with a most eloquent sermon on the gospel of the day. It was a treat for those who had the blessing to hear him, as he is are of the most noted orators of the Catholic Church in America Barrie, July 21st.

# New Stations Blessod in St. Mary's

In St. Mary's Church, Bathurst street, on Sunday afternoon at four o'clock, His Grace Archbishop O'Conpastor, Vicar-General McCann, solemnly blessed the new stations of the cross. The new way of the cross was imported from Belgium at a cost of \$2,100. With the new electric lights in place the effect on the interior decorations of the church is both im-

pressive and devotional The sermon was preached by the Archbishop Among the clergy present were Rev. Father Whelan, of Baltimore College, Baltimore, Ohio; Rev Fathers James Walsh, Lamarche, W. McCann, A. O'Leary and Williams

## Confirmation Services

The Oakville New Era of July 10

Between forty and fifty becomingly dryssed girls and boys were confirmed in St. Andrew's Church Wednesday foreroon shortly after 13 o'clock, by the Right Rev. Thomas J. Dowling, Bishop of Hamilton, assisted by the Revs. Father Cote and Father Henchy of Hamilton, and Father O'Rellly, of Oakville. His Lordship spoke to the children at some length after the pretty and impressive ceremony and at the close was presented by M' May Kelley, daughter of Alderman Peter Kelley, with a beautiful souquet of roses His Lordship and assistants were driven to Burlington, where similar services were repeated

# YE OLD FIRM OF HEINTZMAN & 'QO. Poer of Pianos

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Anyone who has attended the natury great musical collectes given by world-famed artists visiting. Toronto and cities it Canada will be impressed with the fact that on all these cocasions a plano of the old-exablished and well-known plano firm was used.

- It has been endorsed and eulogised by leading musiciansports foreign and those at home.

party in farewell audience at noon today. The Americans drove in two carriages from their hotel to the Vatican. They were received at the great door of the Vatican by the Swiss guards who rendered military honors. At the foot met by Monsignor Bisleti, master of the ceremonies, who was accompanied by several other dignitaries of the Papal court. At the door of the pontifical apartments the noble guards and gendarmes rendered the customary honors, after which Governor Tast and his companions were introduced into the presence of the Pope, who welcomed them

THE POPE AND AMERICA

A Pleasant Interview Between Lep Alli and

the Official Representatives of the

United States

Rome, July 21.-The Pops received

Givernor Taft and the members of his

with marked cordiality. The Americans were ushered into the private\_library, and so soon as the door was opened the Pope went half way to meet them, and greeted Governor Talt with the greatest cordiality. His holiness commenced the interview by saying he was most satisfied and happy at the results obtained, and was confident that the negotiations would be the startingpoint of a complete and satisfactory solution of the question under discussion. He added that the Apostolic Delegat . soon to be appointed, would be instructed most strictly and precisely regarding carrying out the ideas determined upon by the United States and the Vat-

can, saying :-"I will see that orders be given him as to his work, over which I will watch personally." Turning the conversation, the Pope expressed the highest esteem for American methods of tracting church matters. In fact, he had more than once pointed to the United States as setting an example well worth copying. Governor Taft thanked the Pope for the promptness and courtesy shown during his visit; and pronierd 'eo-operation, with the Apostolic Delegate in executing the business on

the lines agreed upon at Rome. expressed regret at the fact that the negotiations had been made the occasion for the circulation of false and even calumnious rumors in various papers and by some telegraphic agencies which had given rise to unfavorable comments up; against such false reports, but he philosophically declared that by this time he war accustomed to that kind of misreprenor presided, and, assisted by the sentation. The Pontiff then rose with unusual activity, walked with the Americans to the opposite side of the room and showed them the mosaic which he is sending to President Roosevelt in return for the President's present of a box containing his (Mr. Roosevelt's) liberary works. The mosale is a copy of Corridi's well-known picture of Pope Leo sitting on the terrace of the Vaticin gardens surveying stome. It was made in the Vatican workshops. The Pope then gave

Bishop O'Gorman an autograph letter to President Itoosevelt. Blembers of President Tait's party asked the Pope to bless several boxes of rosaries and other religious momentoes, which his Poliness did most willingly, adding that his benediction was extended to all their relations and friends. After 40/minutes audience, during which the conversation was carried on freely in

French, Bishop O'Gorman and Major Porter translating, the Pope saw the Americans to the door of the library. Governor Taft and his companions then called on the Papal Secretary of State, Cardinal Rampolla, with whom they exchanged somewhat similar souriesies.

Later Governor Taft, accompanied by Judge Smith and Captain Strother, left Rome for Naples. To mark his satisfaction at the success of the magotiations the Pope presented each member of Governor Tait's party with a personal gift, enclosed in a magnificent moroceo case, adorned with the Pepal arms.

Husband-Well, madam, you've got your wish-you've married a rich husband. Wile-No, dear, I've married a rich man, but a poor busband.

"How is your daughter getting on with the plane, Albha?" "First rate. She can pl-y with both hands now. Says she'll be able to play with her ear in six months."

Myer-What do you consider the best sign of spring weather? Gyer -The delicious feeling which makes you want to sit down and watch other people work.

Patient-The trouble with me in that I can't sleep. Yet I am always on hungry as a wolf, and I work like a horse. Doctor-You had better conault a veterinary

### **OUTBREAKS IN FRANCE**

#### Government Denounced for Enforcing the law of Associations

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Paris, July 22 .- After the distribution of prizes at a school belonging to an unauthorized congregation in the Avenue Parmentier here to-day, the crowds broke through the police cordon shouting, "Vive ta Laiberte,"? Francois Coppec, the author and poet, who was the chief speaker, Deputy Lerolls, Gaston Merry and the Abbe Partural were arrested. NOK. Coppee, Lerolla and Merry were later released. Comte Uthain De Maille, who was among those taken into custody, was held for examination. Further disturbances and some arrests have occurred in other places

#### CATHOLIC SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS

The entrance examination of high classes of the Separate schools, hald in the De La Salle Institute, resulted in the following being successful:

St. Ann's-Edward Cabill, Lene Connolly, Julia McGlue, Nellie O'Brien. St. Basil's-Evelyn Brown, Mary Carney, Margaret Collins, Thomas Cunerty, Clara Grant, Gertrude Hale, Hannah Makesma, Thomas Moore, Annie Todd.

St. Helen's School-Thomas Boland, Frances Cowan, Julia Dault, Edna Foley, Florence Hartnett, Albert Henacreon. Lewis Higgins, John Kearns, Fred Murray, Mary Ryan.

St. John's School-Everyn Foley. Nellie Curry.

St. Mary's School-Edward Cabley, Alice Christie, Nora Commercord, Ursula Dee, Elicabeth Donaboe, Thea. Hancon, Camilla Muldoon, Frank O'Hearne, Arthur Rampsberger. Ontherine Real, Thos. Reilly; Stophen Smyth, Josephine Vahey, Margaret Vahey, Frank Wales, Florence Williams, Marie

Hennessey, Mary Fulton, Emily O'Leary. St. Michael's School-Paul Cleria Daniel Davis, Helena Dirpatrick, Maggie Gaal, James Kenney, Emma Lyone, Joseph McAuliffe, Albert McDonald: William McGowan, Nell McGrath, Annie. McMillan, Apple Maroney, Imogene

Meagher, Maggie Ryan St. Paul's School-Lous Burns Phila-Cannon, Thomas Cardine, Ellen Ross. Kavanagh, Ellen McCabe, Catharine Me-Hahon, Catherine McMullen, Ellen Newman, John Power, Michael Power, Ellen

Thornton. St. Peter's School-Mary Connor-Helen Leonard

Minister-Is your father at home, William? William-Yes, but he't ... got: the rhoumatism so bad he sint male:

Mr. Younger-My wife wishes you to hold the baby again. She says yes can't appreciate how heavy it is. Bachelor Friend-Oh, yes, I can, As long as I held it I had an olephant on my hands.

Hero of Play-My urcle's will has been stolen! Curses on the villain who did it! Uncle Si (in the audience))
Yes, an' b'gosh he's got my watch. too. Lock them doors quick, an mehbe we'll get both of them.



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