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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 northeast rise the Umbrian hills, beyond which again lower the Apennines. On the sunny side of one of these Umbrian hills, called Mount Subasio, nestles the little town of Assisi, the delight of artists for its picturesque situation and quaint, unconventional streets, and the joy of devout souls for the thousand holy 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, fill the church and the surrounding streets of Our Lady of the Angels to obtain the plenary indulgence so singularly won for them by that little man, the founder after Jesus Christ of the most numerous body of religious in the church, whose very name stands for burning love for Jesus Christ—the scrupulous St. Francis.

The Portiuncula—or little portion—was originally a small chapel belonging to the Benedictines, and dedicated to Our Lady of the Angels. In St. Francis' time it had fallen into disuse and decay. The Benedictines had left it for larger quarters. Answering his first call to God's service, Francis had it repaired. Besides working at it with his own hands, he begged help for it from passers-by, until it was perfectly restored. Two other blessed establishments in Assisi were in the same manner repaired by St. Francis, his 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 grounds adjoining. Francis joyfully accepted, naming it his "Portiuncula," 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 brethren would present to the Benedictines a certain quantity of fish as a sort of fee. Around the little chapel is now built a basilica. It is the cradle of the great Franciscan Order, and one of the great shrines of Christendom.

Here, in 1221, on the anniversary of the dedication 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.

## CARDINAL LEDOCKOWSKI DEAD

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

Rome, July 22.—Cardinal Ledochowski, Prefect of the Congregation of the Propaganda, died this morning after a long illness. Cardinal Ledochowski 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 religion 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 Vanutelli, Cardinal Francis 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 appointment 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 has to deal.

Note—Mieczslaw Ledochowski was born in 1822, was formerly Archbishop of Gnesen and Posen. Was created Cardinal in 1875.

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connected at the Solemn Pontifical Requiem, which was conducted by Bishop John Lancaster Spalding 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 cemetery of Mount Carmel.

The funeral cortege was probably one 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 McGavick, Chicago; Bishop Burke, St. Joseph, Mo.; Bishop O'Donoghue, Indianapolis; Bishop Scannell, Omaha; Bishop Foley, Detroit; Bishop Glendon, Kansas City; Bishop Aldering, Fort Wayne; Bishop Schwabach, La Crosse; Bishop Byrne, Nashville; Bishop Trobec, St. Cloud, Minn.; Bishop Ely, Marquette; Bishop Maldoon and Chancellor Barry, both of Chicago.

It is estimated that during the time 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.

## ARCHBISHOP RYAN AT BARRIE

His Grace Archbishop Ryan, of Philadelphia, who was recently appointed a member of the Board of Indian Commissioners by President Roosevelt, is visiting friends in Barrie. 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 one of the most noted orators of the Catholic Church in America.

Barrie, July 21st.

**New Stations Blessed in St. Mary's Church**

In St. Mary's Church, Bathurst street, on Sunday afternoon at four o'clock, His Grace Archbishop O'Connor presided, and, assisted by the pastor, 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 impressive 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 says:

Between forty and fifty becomingly dressed girls and boys were confirmed in St. Andrew's Church Wednesday forenoon shortly after 12 o'clock, by the Right Rev. Thomas J. Dowling, Bishop of Hamilton, assisted by the Revs. Father Cote and Father Hendry of Hamilton, and Father O'Reilly, of Oakville. His Lordship spoke to the children at some length after the pretty and impressive ceremony and at the close was presented by Mrs. May Kelley, daughter of Alderman Peter Kelley, with a beautiful bouquet of roses. His Lordship and assistants were driven to Burlington, where similar services were repeated.

## THE POPE AND AMERICA

A Pleasant Interview Between Leo XIII and the Official Representatives of the United States

Rome, July 21.—The Pope received Governor Taft and the members of his 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 of the State staircase the party were met by Monsignor Bilelli, 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 gentlemen renewed the customary honors, after which Governor Taft and his companions were introduced into the presence of the Pope, who welcomed them 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 Taft 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 starting-point of a complete and satisfactory solution of the question under discussion. He added that the Apostolic Delegate, soon to be appointed, would be instructed most strictly and precisely regarding carrying out the ideas determined upon by the United States and the Vatican, 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 treating 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 promised co-operation with the Apostolic Delegate in quelling the business on the lines agreed upon at Rome. He 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 upon the Vatican. The Pope also protested against such false reports, but philosophically declared that by this time he was accustomed to that kind of misrepresentation. 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) literary works. The mosaic is a copy of Corridi's well-known picture of Pope Leo sitting on the terrace of the Vatican gardens surveying Rome. It was made in the Vatican workshops. The Pope then gave Bishop O'Gorman an autograph letter to President Roosevelt.

Members of President Taft's party asked the Pope to bless several boxes of rosaries and other religious mementoes, which his Holiness 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 courtesies.

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

## OUTBREAKS IN FRANCE

Government Denounced for Enforcing the Law of Associations

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 la Liberte!" Francois Coppee, the author and poet, who was the chief speaker, Deputy Lerolls, Gaston Merry and the Abbe Farfural were arrested. MM. Coppee, Lerolla and Merry were later released. Comte Urban 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 held in the De La Salle Institute, resulted in the following being successful:

St. Ann's—Edward Cahill, Lena Connolly, Julia McGee, Nellie O'Brien. St. Basil's—Evelyn Brown, Mary Carney, Margaret Collins, Thomas Curney, Clara Grant, Gertrude Hale, Hannah McKenna, Thomas Moore, Annie Todd. St. Helen's School—Thomas Boland, Frances Cowan, Julia Dault, Edna Foley, Florence Harriott, Albert Henderson, Lewis Higgins, John Kearns, Fred Murray, Mary Ryan. St. John's School—Evelyn Foley, Nellie Curry. St. Mary's School—Edward Cahill, Alice Christie, Nora Commerford, Ursula Dee, Elizabeth Donahoe, Thos. Hanson, Camilla Mulcahey, Frank O'Hearne, Arthur Ranspberger, Catherine Real, Thos. Kelly, Stephen Smith, Josephine Vahay, Margaret Vahay, Frank Walsh, Florence Williams, Marie Hennessey, Mary Fulton, Emily O'Leary. St. Michael's School—Paul O'Connell, Daniel Davis, Helena Fitzpatrick, Maggie Geal, James Kennedy, Emma Lyons, Joseph McArthur, Albert McDonnell, William McGowan, Nell McGrath, Annie McMillan, Annie Maroney, Imogene Meagher, Maggie Ryan. St. Paul's School—Lena Burns, Phyllis Cannon, Thomas Cardin, Helen Ross, Zeta Dickson, Catherine Egan, Rose Kavanagh, Ellen McCabe, Catherine McHahon, Catherine McMullen, Ellen Newman, John Power, Michael Power, Elizabeth Thornton. St. Peter's School—Mary Connors, Helen Leonard.

Minister—Is your father at home, William? William—Yes, but he's sick; the rheumatism so bad he ain't able to talk to.

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

Hero of Play—My uncle's will; has been stolen; Curces on the villain who did it! Uncle Si (in the audience)—Yes, an' 'gosh he's got my watch, too. Lock them doors, quick, 'n' maybe we'll get both of them.

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