## FIVE-MINUTE SERMON. Second Sunday after Epiphany.

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CULBING

"His name was called Jesus." (G sepel of the The feast of the Holy Name of Jesus, dear brethren, is one which suggests to us many thoughts. It recalls to our us many thoughts. It recails to our mind the sweetness of our Saviour. It speaks of His t inderness for sinners and of His mercy to the penitent. It tells us, to, of His power—the infinite power of God, and of His awful majesty.

It is a day that fills us with inspecty. It is a day that fills us with joy and with sadness. It brings us joy because the Holy Name is a precious treasure enriceing each of us, and a mighty shield defending us against the attacks of our suprifued ensuring

ed from the housetops."

KNOW THAT HE CLOISTERED NUNS

MORE QUESTIONS.

Cleveland Universe.

19): "I will give to thee the keys the kingdom of heaven (kingdom "I will give to thee the keys of

heaven meaning Christ's Church.") It was to Peter alone that Christ said (Luke xxii: 32): "Thou, being once converted, confirm thy brethren." It

passages prove that the Savior confided

he commission of the Twelve, include

their success in all time to the end of

Q lestion-Did the Apostles ever rec-

ognize in St. Peter the vicar of Jesus Onrist and the infallible doctor of the

Answer-I will let Waterworth ("The

Fathers on St. Peter and His Succes-sors," p. 47) answer this: sors," p. 47) answer this: "Peter acts on all occasions as the Head. Everywhere he takes the lead,

and the rest gather round him as their

centre. They act with him indeed, but he initiates all, suggests all, and takes

tiles into the Church, and the ob servance, or rather the cessation, of

the ceremonial law; all points of mag-

.Again, his miracles are recorded

with all

Acts represent him as the acknow ledged chief of the Apostolic commis

sion down to the Council at Jerusalem

It we had the continuation of the narra tive of St. Peter's work in Antioch, Western Asia and finally in Rome, in

all probability the same undisputed leadership would appear."

Question-St. Peter never thought of being Pope and never acted as if he

Answer-The Jesuit Water worth and

Question-Neither Peter nor Paul were ever in Rome, as the history used

in all the high schools of Oaio teach.

Answer-Are you sure of what you ay about the Ohio schools? No one

the Protestan Briggs say he did.

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office. Says Prof. C.

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Church?

It was to Peter alone that Christ

WAS POPE!

A. Briggs, the

of our spiritual enemies. And we are sad, too, to day, because we are reminded how much the Blessed Name of God our Saviour is reviled and PETER'S PRIMACY\_DID HE HIMSELF ased irreverently. And to-day the Church protests with all her power against blasphemy and cursing. To-day Question—Is it correct to believe that Jesus gave to all His Apostles the same power He gave to St. Peter ? BUS Answer—Such a belief would not be she calls upon her children to turn with loving hearts to God and to praise and bless in an especial manner the Holy Name of Jesus. Not that she would true. have Christians confine their praises to to day alone, but she would impress upon us by this day's feast the constant duty of decimations. said (Matt. xvi:) "Thou are Cephas (Peter, petros, in Greek, Rock in English) and upon this cephas I will build My Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." It was to Peter alone Christ said (Matt. xvi : duty of giving reverence to the Holy Names of God and of Jesus.

The wicked habit of cursing, which the Church lifts her voice to cry out against, is an evil of a very serious kind. And it is something that unfor-(Luke xxii: 32): "Thou, being once converted, confirm thy brethren." It was to Peter alone that Christ said (John xxi: 17): "Feed My Sheep" (not some, but all of His sheep). These

tunstely is too common among Chris-tians of every ago and walk in life. Young children and gray-haired men and women are guilty of this irrevar-ence towards sacred names. Rich men and poor men, men who say they have faith and men who have no faith, all are ddicted to the impious vice of cursing. Think how shocking it is to hear the

to Peter, and through Peter to his successors, both successory in His Church and infallibility in his teaching Think how shocking it is to hear the mame of Him Who so loved us that He gave the last drop of His blood for us; Who literally poured out His life for as; think of His name brought into the guiter! Think of that name, " which was called by the angel" with awe, in-troduced into the lewd speech of the bar-room, or called upon in witness of the ribald jest! Think of gossiping women varying the monotony of their unsavory discourse with ejaculations filled with irreverence towards God and our Saviour! famous Protestant Biblical scholar (The North American Review, February 15, 1907): "It is evident that Jesus, in speaking to St. Peter, had the whole history of His Kingdom in view. He sees conflict with the evil powers and victory over them. It is, therefore, vain to suppose that we must limit the commission to St. Peter. We could no more do that than we could limit the Apostolic commission to the Apostles. The commission of the primate no less than our Savisur!

Go to the shops, to the mills, to the business houses, and have your ears offended and your soul grieved by the injury done to the Holy Name. And go to the homes of Catholic men and women-to the homes of some of youand listen ! Hear the father and the mother cursing each other and their children! Hear them call upon God to damn them, to strike them dead, to hurl them to hell !

You unuatural parents, you teachers of wickedness to your own children, how shall you escape the wrath of God ? You who should bring up your children in the love and fear of God have be come the agent of God's enemy, and are come the agent of Gal wenemy, and are instructing your offspring in the way of eternal perdition. And how many more of you, instead of calling your little boys and girls about you when bedtime mes, and teaching them to lift their hearts and voices in prayer to God how many of you are altogether negli gent about this most important duty of taking care that your children pray! When the veils are drawn aside, and you stand before the judgment seat of Christ, you will learn how many sins you have been the occasion of by your neglect of duty and your bad example. The home, the street, the work place, are easn and all the scenes, and often

the means emphatically of propagating and making converts to the Gospel. the stronghold, of this rampant voice of bad language. And the men and women and children who debase themselves at length by the Author of the Acts, and scandalize others, and sin against who draws special attention to the God by this evil habit, are more numer n we like to acknowledge.

wondertul powers which he possessed. But besides all this, it is he who ex-ercises the dread power of binding and Our duty is plain enough. If we have the misforcage to be of those who have loosing and jodging in the cas contracted this vice of foul speaking, let us resolve now upon amendment and impose upon ourselves some suit able penance for our crime, and study to discover and apply the proper remeTHE CATHOLIC RECORD.

are the nuns not permitted to visit their homes after taking faal vows? many others are to her credit. A cap italist in one of our Western cities, a strayed Catholic having heard of some Answer-The Sisterhoods have been established, not by the Church, but by high-minded and spiritually gifted need of a certain mission in one of our need of a certain mission in one of our new possessions, called on a well-known layman and begged him to 'get them everything they wan', and send me the bills.' Last week a Bishop told us of a Catholic gentleman whose yearly alms a nount to \$60,000 or more though in some quarters he has the reputation of being 'cl as fitted.' We could multiply such examples from personal knowledge. within the Church, with the women within the Church, with the Church's approval, for the purpose of attaining the highest Christian perfec-tion through the observance of the evangelical counsels of voluntary pov-erty, chastity and obselence, as recom-mended by the Savior in Matt. xix:21 being cl.ss fixed. We could multiply such examples from personal knowledge. "It is a mistake to suppose that wealthy Catholics are not generous because their benefactions are unberaldand 29.

An inclosed or cloistered nun is one An inclosed or cloistered nun is one who ordinarily does not go outside her convent encloaures. The Sisterhoods are self-governing bodies that have framed their own rules and that select their own officers. The legislation of each Sisterhood differs from that of each Sisterhood differs from that of every other; the reason why some adopt a rule not to visit their homes again may be found, I imagine, in Matt. xix:29: "And everyone that hath left

house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or children, or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundred fold and shall luberit eternal life." W. S. KRESS.

## THE SIGN OF MARY.

"By the Sign of the Virgin Mary" is the name which designates the only drug store in the Tyrolese town of Habl. A statue of Mary, Health of the Sick, has stood in the niche above the doorway for more than a hundred years, and the name has been handed down with the store from generation to generation. A translation from the German in an exchange gives the story of the Sign of Mary.

One cold winter night when the pro prietor of the place had long retired, he was called from his comfortable bed by the loud ringing of his bell and the pounding of little fists on his front door. Cross at being disturbed, but still true to his calling, he rose hurried ly to discover the reason for all this noise. There she rtood, a timid, frail bit of humanity, bundled in a huge shawl, but still shivering with cold and

fear. "Please would the Herr Apotheke she stammered, "would the kind Herr A potheker put up this medicine at once, for the poor mother is very sick?"

The man growled a sleepy reply about other people's sick mothers and late hours and unreasonable disturbances in general, and about loss of sleep because of the illness of his own children in particular. He scanned the prescrip tion, reached for his several ingredient mongst the painfally neat arrangemen of bottles on his rough board shelves, and after ten minutes work handed the child the required medicine.

"There, now; carry it carefully," he warned her, "or you may drop it and break the bodyle, and I couldn't fill it a second time on this cold night." "Thank you," she said gratefully, as

she looked up at him and paid him the sum he asked. "That will cure our good mother the doctor said, that and the Blessed Virgin, of course." "Yes, yes, and the Blessed Virgin,"

the prominent part in all. The facts that establish this are too clear and evident to need repeating. Through-out he also is the teacher; and where any new point has to he developed the man answered as he slammed the any new point has to be developed from the doctrine of Carist, it is Peter door and turned to put away each bottle into its own special place, preparatory who deduces it; as witness the election of Matthias, the reception of the Gen-

to going back to bed. Glad to be away from the cross drug gist, the child ran up the hill as fast as her little legs could carry her toward her humble home.

Twice she turned to see that the nitude, but the second and third, espe cially, and so utterly unexpected and druggist's little lamp was still barning. Its faint flicker lighted up in special strange, that they seem at one time to threaten a schism in the Church. Fur-ther, his teaching and discourses are relief a homely little wayside shrine, worn and weather-beaten and of little artistic beauty, a wooden image of the Virgin Mother before which the town people since time immemorial had rested, and had sent up fer.ent prayer for spiritual or temporal help. "Dear Mother Mary, save our mother.

Thou alone canst help her," the girl prayed, with all the beautiful faith of childhood.

She arose, full of new hope and cour-Inanias and Saphira, and Simon Magus. Indeed so prominent and pre-eminent is the part of Peter, that it would be a age, but as she tried to run on her big shawl caught on a sharp edge of the stone upon which she had knelt and she stumbled and fell. It was not a very easy task to compare it, reverently, but truly, with that of Christ in the inish her precious errand. course, between the Founder and Law But. oh dear 1 There was a sudden cracking sound — the bottle, and slipped and broken into a thousand pieces, and the giver and His interpreter and servant." Briggs says: "Peter was certainly Briggs says: "Peter was certainly the chief of the Apostles, according to all the Gospels, during the earthly life of our Lord. The early chapters of precious medicine lay upon the icy



"But-Dut-we are poor, and when must we pay ?" "Pay ?" the druggist shouted. "Wh, you paid me before, and let me see how much. "Fifty pfennige? Yes, here is the identical coin. Take it back; it is yours. And here is a gold piece for your mother. But no, you'll drop it," he continued teasingly. "I'll carry you home and the medicine and the money and all, and in a few days your dear mother will be up and around again, and all will be well. Come." He stopped to tarn down the lamp, then, bundling his precious burden into his arms, he asked her for full direc-tions to her home. "Mother Mary, thou hast holped," the happy child murmured to herself.

the happy child margured to herself. "Yes, ye«, the good Mother Mary," the druggist answered fervently, as he smiled up at the little statue in the niche over his doorway — "Mary, Health of the Sick."

## A PROTESTANT ON THE SUPER. STITIONS OF INFIDELS.

Boston Pilot. The Pilot has, already, noted Protest The Pilot has, already, noted Protest-ant journalistic appreciation of many points in the Encyclical of Pope Pius X. on "Modernism," showing that a common peril to all who believe in Christ and love their fellow-men is realized as the result of the destruc-tive criticism of divine revelation. The following letter appearing in the Boston Herald, under the title, "Arch-bishon O'Connell and Modernism."

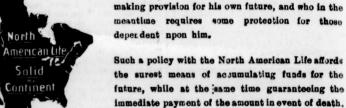
bishop O'Connell and Modernism,' takes up a point in His Grace's Pas toral, relative to the superstitions of infidels. It is the more impressive as the writer is not a Catholic :

To the Editor of the Boston Herald : Will you allow me space in which to renew the attention, both of Catho-lics and Protestants, to one bit of Archbishop O'Connell's explanation of the Pope's deliverance on the subject of Modernism ? Here it is : As the modernist arrs in over value

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As the modernist errs in over valu ing the temper of the age so does he err in his appraisal of the men whom he would win. Reason and liberty he conceives to be their only guiding principles. Faith and authority he imagines have no weight with them. Yet, never since the declining days of the Remen Kempice here there here an the Roman Empire, has there been so much unreasoning faith in stultifying occultism and oriental vagaries among the western peoples as now flourish in this boasted age of reason. Those who loudest decry the yoke of faith as de-grading, are often themselves childish votaries before some fantastic mystic shrine or among those who pitably grope for religious comfort in the dark-

mess of some superstitions sect. Wisor and timelier words were never written. People who look with pity-ing compassion upon the "poor, ignor ant, superstitious Catholic servant girl, who prays to the Virgin and be-lieves in Catholic miracles" around lieves in Catholic miracles." avow their belief in marvels and mysteries which make you stare with astonlsh-ment. The man who ridicules the doctrines of the Resurrection will gravely assure you that he has seen the spirit of his dead grandfather walk out of the darkened cabinet of a mater ializing medium! Childish supersultions which are no more respectable philosophically, than the vood oism of a Louisiana swamp, are cushioned in the magnificent churches of great cities. It is the old story of credulity and scepticism walking hand in hand? It is astonishing how history repeats itself. The old Ronan noble who did not believe in God was afraid to buy a piece of land or take a bath 'till he had ascertained the relation which the moon bore to the crab! As Macaulay says, "We have ceased to wonder at any vagaries of superstition. We have seen men, not of mean intellect or neglected



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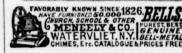
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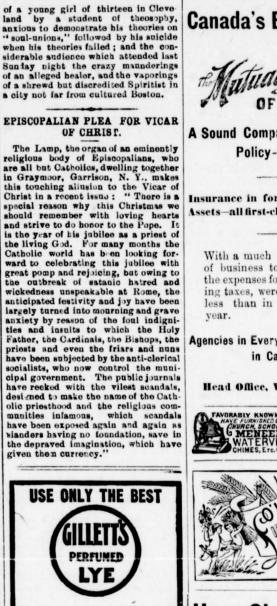




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we are not ourselves the victims of the habit, let us help others by our example. Let u, show our displeasure on every occasion when bad lang lage is used. Let parents bring up their children strictly, teaching them respect for sacred names and the duty of rever ent prayer. And let us always, by in ternal acts of praise, give honor to God whenever we hear His Name dishonored , and thus do something to abste the evil of this horrible vice.

## WEALTHY CATHOLICS.

EVERY WHIT AS GENEROUS IN THEIR BENEFACTIONS AS ARE NON-CATH OLICS.

Dissenting from the opinion evident ly held by Father Roche, author of "The Business Side of Religion." that, generally speaking, wealthy Protest ants are more generous in their gifts to religious causes than are the corres-ponding class among Catholics, the Ave Maria says : "Wealthy Catholics are every whit

from her private purse. And this is only one of innumerable bene

disputes St. Paul's being at Rome. Some Protestants controversialists de nied that St. Peter had been there, as generous as wealthy non-Catholics. Of course, the number of the former-as wealth is computed nowadays-is recognizing that it would be a body blow to the supremacy of the Bishops of Rome if they could establish that comparatively small, but they give generously, constantly and unostenta tiously, as a rule. The more frequent Peter's See was not that of Rome. They have now given up that attempt. Commenting on their action, the Pro-testant Whiston has said : "None but and more munificent their benefactions. the greater would seem to be their reweak Protestants pretend to deny that fuctance to have them found out. St. Peter was in Rome. This is so clear " We know of one millionaire Catho-

from Christian antiquity that any Prolic in the United States, whose name is te tant must feel ashamed o acknowl edge that it has ever been uenied by Protestants." soldom, if ever, mentioned in connec tion with 'princely gifts' of any sort, that expends a 'little fortune' every year Question-Can an ordiaary saloon-

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in charitable work. A Catholic lady of keeper be saved, even if he does attend of our acquaintance once supported forty poor families for a whole winter Mass? Answer-Much more is required for

salvation than at ending Mass. The saloon business is not one that we would desk.

is only one of innumerable bene factions on her part—and very prob-ably the only one, too, of which any public mention has ever been made. (It is hoped that this writing will es cape her notice.) Another Catholic lindy contributed \$20,000 to a good work to which her attention had been recommend to persons axious about their salvation, for it i sure to subject them to many temp' long, and still more sure to hold out temptation to others. It would be unjust, however, to say that the saloon-keeper cannot save his soul, since his basiness can be conducted morelly called in these pages. It was only by gooident that we learned of this beneconducted morally.

Question-What are the nunneries or? What is an inclosed nun? Why Caction, and there is no telling how Why

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What shall I do? What shall I do ?" she moaned and wept. " Mother is ill and needs the medicine. But the station and knowledge, immeasurably druggist is cross, and he said he would her superiors, and all this in the nine not get up for me again. Still, mother must not die! Mother in heaven, help teenth century.

me and I'll go back and get another bottle." Then, more swiftly even than she

had run the first time, she hurried down that hill, looking neither to right nor to left, for she felt as safe noon country road as in her own home. The only fear she knew now was the fear of not being able to rouse the

lruggist. But what has happened ? The oil lamp was burning brightly, at she could see through the frosted window pane.

The man must be busy putting up medicines for his own sick children, she thought, for hardly had she touched the door before it was swung wide open and the druggist stood before her.

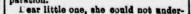
"The medicine," she began, fright-ened to death, "the bottle-Oh, please Herr Apotheker! There on the ice in front of the shrine on the hill. Please don't be angry 1 Oh, good Herr Apotheker 1 It fell and the bottle broke and --'' While she went on stammering her

excuses she suddenly felt herself caught up in the big strong arms of the

duggist, who kissed her impulsively while tears of joy ran down his cheek. Then be laughed and cried hysterically

as he set the bewildered child high up on top of his old-fashioned oaken

"Mother Mary, thou has saved us all," he cried, and when his over-wrought nerves had recovered from their fearful tension he realled the prescription, this time using the quintee the doctor had ordered instead of that deadly morphine which, by a fearful mistake, he had put into the first preparati





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