FIVE MINUTE SERMON

BY REV. M. BOSSAERT

EASTER SUNDAY

EASTER, A SEASON OF REJOICING

Throughout the world, wherever the light of our holy faith shines, is heard today the joyful cry of the Catholic Church: "Alleluia, Christ is risen!" Why, we may be asked, are all men thus called to share in the joy of our Lord's resurrection? It is because He accomplished this work for all mankind as well as for Himself. Just as it was for us that assumed human nature and suffered on the Cross, so was it for us that He rose again from the dead. He rose in order to fill our hearts with joy and consolation, and therefore we may regard Easter

1. That we may fully realize the gladness of Easter, let us once more survey the days that have just passed. Everything in their course suggested our Lord's suffering and death; the lamentations, the black vestments worn by the priests, the bare altars, the silence of the belis, all recalled to us more vividly than ever the Apostle's words: "Christ became obedient unto death even to the death of the cross." Silently, in sorrow and mourning, we accompanied our Lord in thought from the Mount of Olives to Golgotha; we watched His agony in the Garden of Gethsemani and heard the sentence against Him pronounced by His unjust judges; we listened to the strokes of the cruel scourge, tearing His tender Body, we saw the crown of thorns piercing His Sacred Head, and we seem to catch the words of the infuriated mob crying: "Crucify Him; His Blood be upon us and upon our children!" We saw Him staggering under the weight of the Cross on the way to Calvary, and heard the blows of the hammer with which they nailed Him to the Cross; we beheld Him raised aloft amidst, the jeers and insults of His enemies, be complete, and their wills strong and we heard His last words: "It enough to resist the onslaughts of and we heard His last words:

It enough to resist the offining for convince parents evil; in other words, that they should hands I commend My spirit."

We watched His Sacred Head sink in morally to fight their battles alone.

The convince parents that young people should be encourted and the strong enough mentally and watched his Sacred Head sink in morally to fight their battles alone. death, and finally we stood by when His most holy Body was laid in The human body must wait for years them seek for it without, where vigit the grave. Had His enemies really triumphed? had death indeed gained dominion over Him? would the human soul? Undoubtedly the seeds grave be His last resting place? No;

2. Where God intends to display His omnipotence, the world's resistance is vain and ineffectual. He broke open the gates of death and destroyed its sway. In spite of the heavy stone barring the entrance to the sepulchre, in spite of the official seal set upon it and in spite of the guards, our Lord triumphed over Where God intends to display the guards, our Lord triumphed over death on the morning of Easter Sunday, came forth from the grave Sunday, came forth from the grave the finish; and unhappily, as a sunday, came forth from the grave and returned to life in undying glory. By His own power and authority He took back the life that He had voluntarily laid down on the Cross. Yes, our Lord did indeed rise again on the third day, as He had color to the finish; and unnapphy, as a necessary result, unless guidance and encouragement are given them, act of experience will not prevent their untrained wills from being drawn into many alluring paths. often foretold, and not only the children after school-days. Does angels, the pious women and His not a farmer put a strong rail tercessory power he may invoke in disciples, but also the soldiers guarddisciples, but also the soldiers guard-fing the sepulchre, and even His enemies, bore witness to His Resur-rection. It is an empty beyond It is as much beyond question as any event that ever able to resist the winds and storms; observed during school-days, be easily to william Walther, a Protestant took place, it is no less certain the farmer then removes the rail, abandoned. If these few suggestions than His Birth and Life, and St. John and the tree begins its career alone. Chrysostom is right in saying :

He is in truth our Redeemer and elders.

dealing, who will be a credit not printed Bibles were re-written by ers. The rationalism the Son of God. We know that The age fraught with danger to merely to the society in which they copyists in the time honored style. tury scientists is but the sentence pronounced against young souls is usually from fourteen us by God's justice has been recalled, and the guilt of our sins that the tendencies of character and removed, so that we have regained temperament begin to assert them-the grace and friendship with God, the grace and friendship with God, selves. This is the age when they which had been lost to us through should be encouraged by every means We know in whom we believe, to cultivate virtue and stifle vice. and no doubt or uncertainty can ever disturb us. By His Resurrection for children who leave our Catholic Jesus showed Himself to be indeed schools, how much more necessary the Son of God, and therefore what are they for children who leave He teaches is the absolute truth, Public schools, where religion and far above the conflict of human religious instruction are practically opinions and the errors of our age. excluded, and where nothing is Our glad conviction is based on taught but a bare and vague moral-no learned arguments, nor on the ity which leads nowhere in particular laborious investigations of men liable to error, nor on our own views which today seem true and tomorrow well as poisoned food, may destroy The sight of Jesus Glorified. which today seem true and tomorrow will as poisoned toda, may desirely the way appear false; but it rests on the Word of the Son of God, which abideth forever. All the promises that He made to the just and righteous will be fulfilled, as well the threats fit, and their starved souls should uttered against the ungodly; no word of His will remain void. If He had not risen from the dead, we should be, as St. Paul says, the most should be, as St. Paul says, the most miserable of men, for without His resurrection there would have been no Redemption, and we should still given to children after school-years,

soul, for your Redeemer liveth; to which they are exposed. Add to He, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, hath triumphed; He hath over-

RESOLUTIONS

There is a story told of a Welshman who, when in danger of ship-wreck, promised the Blessed Virgin

Do you remember that big resoluion you made last New Year's Day. That resolution that was as big as a mast? And were you able to go to bed by the tiny resolution that was still left at the end of the year, or did you find your way to bed in dark-

Good resolutions pave the way to heaven; virtue is a series of repeated actions that please God, and the desire or the resolution to repeat such actions is a powerful aid to the practice of just that virtue you are striving to acquire. Resolutions, sincerely made, though frequently broken, are not a weakness or a folly, made and deliberately broken, pave the way to hell, and there is no

quickly and struggle on. Before half the year is passed you will find the burden of that resolution so light that you will run with it and even ask for another, because the load is so light. But do not add another, just keep on running carefully. Win the race this year, next year is far off. Do today what you would wish to have done by December 31st, 1920 .- St. Anthony Messerger.

GENERAL INTENTION FOR APRIL

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CHILDREN AFTER SCHOOL DAYS

The training which children receive in our Catholic schools and the watchfulness which surrounds them during their years of early formation, lead the unwary to surmise that when our little ones leave school their knowledge of right and wrong should of virtue are sown during schooldeath had no power over the Lord of days; but they are only seeds after all. A careful and constant tending

grown stout and rugged and will be munions of the League, so faithfully able to resist the winds and storms; observed during school-days, be easily "If So it is with frail human nature, Jesus did not rise again, it cannot be which needs to be led up gently from Catholic youth of this fair land of looked askance at the productions of

This is the age when they

If these precautions be necessary

be in darkness and error; without it all our good works would have been unprofitable, and all our hopes in vain.

Project therefore were Electrical and because economic conditions oblige them to become bread-winners early in life. The result is that undesirable companionship in shops Rejoice, therefore, every Christian and factories is one of the dangers and factories is one of the dangers is foremost among the hidden to which they are exposed. Add to saints of earth," he says of the Irish this the occasions of sin they meet mother. "A follower of Christ, with in theaters, moving-picture whose cloister is within the four come death, and by His Resurrection hath manifested His Godhead to the whole world. Amen.

Solution is the walls of the home wherein she reigns as queen! A lover of Christ, who the whole world. Amen.

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Solution is the home wherein she reigns as queen! A lover of Christ, who the wise philosophers and omniscient draws her subjects to her by cancilly even by Catholic authors. From the wall of the home wherein she reigns as queen! A lover of Christ, who a fact overlooked quite frequently excess. Even on the streets they draws her subjects to her by cancilly even by Catholic authors. From solutions of Solutions and works a careful study of the life. excess. Even on the streets they draws her subjects to her by sanctity even by Catholic authors. From scientists a careful study of the life receive impressions which are hard and love. Her toil-worn hands that 1458 till 1520 no less than one hundred and works of Saint Thomas of Aquin.

react against these deteriorating in fluences among our children. Young lips are moulded to lines of peace by not counting copies of parts of the men and young women need some years of unending prayer and mur. Bible. Besides these, two issues of nize the wisdom of the course to be powerful antidote not merely to mured benisons over sleeping babes; the Bible in Greek appeared in print taken; we acknowledge our obligaa candle as big as the mast; but having escaped, he said that she should have one just large enough to go to be by.

Interest the mast; but having escaped as bett and their wills but also to upon her brow eternal calm and in all, four times as many complete in all, four times as many complete them to meet the objections are lit by the light of serene configuration. The powerful action to take it; but we put off the in all, four times as many complete them to meet the objections are lit by the light of serene configuration.

In all, four times as many complete in the vernacular languages. It is a never comes. Do it now."

they are sure to run up against in the friendship of God." It is not at their deily lives. Children should be well-versed in their catechism. Whose familiarity with Irish life and the should be able at least to give the influences that have kept the influences.

the instructions of the catechism is the Perseverance Class, which continues the religious teaching that was begun in the schools. Children the centuries to the same gentle should also be urged to read good influence wielded abroad, as at home, broken, are not a weakness or a folly, but rather an aid to virtue. On the other hand resolutions, insincerely adays and Catholic homes should be provided with it. Every home should reason why the roads to that place should be well paved. You do not should be well paved. You do not events that affect their holy religion. want to travel on that road, do you?
One resolution, just one, for 1920.
Make every effort to keep it. It you fall while carrying it to 1921, rise clubs, etc., where the influence of numbers will keep them occupied and banish the human respect which is undoubtedly the bane of youth.

Finally a genial home, where parents and children are united in bonds of common love, where mutual confidence is cultivated, where the attractions are greater than may be found elsewhere, will also help to keep growing children in the straight One of the reasons why many wrecks are found on the wayside of life is because there is a lack of mutual love among members of a family. Harsh words, abuse, nagging, recriminations, dry up the springs of love, and young people, in whom pride is not wanting, go elsewhere to seek what they locked for and did not find in their own homes. All this should seem obvious enough. If home is not made attractive, how can parents expect a youth to acquire an attachment for it, when so much he crayes for may be reached outside. Should not a young man find the members of his own family com-panionable and worthy of his confidence? What is the unwritten law that forces him to go forth from his father's home to enjoy, for instance, the amenities of social life? Is not their own firesides, instead of letting lance cannot be so easily exercised But what are all these natural

means without the supernatural? The frequentation of the Sacraments is the way recommended to preserve the innocence of youth after school days. Young people should be urged to keep up the practice of frequent confession and Communion. It is here that the advantages of the League in schools will begin to come into view. If the practice of making the Morning Offering has been acquired during school years and has become a habit, it will help enormously when the school-days are over to spiritualize the life of a child. The presence of God becomes more to him than a mere speculative belief; it will influence his actions, words, and thoughts. The habit of saying the Daily Decade will remind the youth after school-days that he has a Mother in Heaven whose inmoments of spiritual danger. First Fridays, or the general Com-

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OUR BLESSED LADY

which they claim membership.

O Queen of Sorrows! raise thine

eyes; See! the first light of dawn is there; The hour is come, and thou must end

Thy Forty Hours of lonely prayer. He raised her up; He pressed her

head

From out His eyes, from out His

A power of awful beauty shone : Oh how the speechless Mother gazed Upon the glory of her Son! -FATHER FABER

A TRIBUTE TO THE IRISH MOTHER

A reverent and delicate tribute is paid by Father W. Lockington, S. J., in his book, "The Soul of Ireland," to the mothers of that land.

be well-versed in their categorism.

They should be able at least to give some account of the faith that is in them; otherwise they run the right of joining the long list of spineless chapter in his work to "The Irish Mother." Nor will those who attribute the provided for the growth of the growth of human respect have victimized.

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THE "OPEN BIBLE"

IN PRE-REFORMATION TIMES

The reading public, both cleric and lay, was likewise supplied with an amazing multitude of Bibles and parts of the Bible, handwritten as well as printed, in pre Reformation times. We still have copies of two hundred and thirty-nine different editions of the whole Bible printed in nine different languages between 1450 and 1520. The number of editions of portions of the Bible printed within the same period, runs into thousands. They are literally count less. These tens of thousands of Bibles and parts of the Bible were printed to be sold to, and read by, Catholics. The Catholic printers of this great mass of Bibles made s living by publishing copies of the Bible, conducting a regular trade on strict business lines, an important aspect of the question generally overlooked by writers on the subject. The production of those Bibles, like book-market in general was regulated by the law of supply and de-mand. With the exception of Bibles donated to friends by the printers and copies destroyed by reckless shipping, all printed Bibles were eventually bought by Catholics in pre Reformation times, so that there is almost a complete equation between demand and supply, the cases of over-production having been quite rare. Taink you that printers would have published so many editions of the Bible, if there was no likelihood that they would readily be sold? Would any modern publisher reprint successively, year after year, a work which was not selling? Truly, the Bible was an "open" book in pre-Reformation times: it was printed

Saveral classes of people, however, made no demand for printed Bibles. The dignitaries of the Church, the monks of the large monasteries, the rich noblemen, and the wealthy burghers were the happy possessors of libraries well stocked in artistic manuscript Bibles. The quaint Bibles in handwritten characters had cast a personal spell upon these Bible-readers so that printed Bibles had no attraction for them. No less than eight thousand manuscript copies of the Latin Bible are still preserved in the public and private libraries of Europe and America, a small remnant of a large mass which has perished by the ravages of time. Likewise there are still extant two hundred and two manuscript German Bibles out of a total number of 3.600 will the monthly Communion on the copies of handwritten Bibles in Garmany which had existed in pre-Reformation times. This is stated are accepted and acted upon we may Since the fastidious lovers of superblope to see the benefits among the ly illuminated manuscript Bibles

everywhere in large numbers.

which needs to be led up gently from true that He ever was born."

3. Let us then rejoice at our Lord's Resurrection, for thereby He has given us the surest proof that He is in truth our Reddemer and the wise counsels of the experience and the wise counsels of the line will have kept the faith, who will be sterling in their honesty and upright after the invention of printing. Even the productions of the ourse, the productions of ours. The result will be a general the productions of ours. The result will be a general the productions of the ourse, the productions of ours. The result will be a general the productions of ourse. The result will be a general the productions of ourse. The result will be a general the productions of ourse. The result will be a general the productions of ourse. The result will be a general the printer's press, a lively trade in beautiful manuscript copies of the sterling in their honesty and upright after the invention of printer's press, a lively trade in beautiful manuscript copies of the sterling in their honesty and upright after the invention of printer's press, a lively trade in beautiful manuscript copies of the sterling in their honesty and upright after the invention of printer's press, a lively trade in beautiful manuscript copies of the sterling in their honesty and upright after the invention of printer's press, a lively trade in beautiful manuscript copies of the sterling in their honesty and upright after the invention of printer's press, a lively trade in beautiful manuscript copies of the sterling in their honesty and upright after the invention of printer's press, a lively trade in beautiful manuscript copies of the sterling in their honesty and upright after the invention of printer's press, a lively trade in beautiful manuscript copies of the sterling in their honesty and upright after the invention of printer's press, a lively trade in beautiful manuscript copies of the sterling in their honesty and upright after the productions of the printer's press, a lively trade merely to the society in which they move but to the Church as well in An instructive example of this kind recrudescence of the rationalism of is the so-called "Stratter Bible" in Abelard and others who were refuted the University library at Gratz. It by Saint Thomas' luminous principles is a verbal transcript of the German Bible printed at Strasburg in 1466, reason. Centuries before the days of and was executed by Erasmus Stratter | Malebranche and Gioberti, this Chris by order of Archbishop Bernhard tian Aristotle solidly refuted their Rohr of Salzberg (died 1487). So the handwritten Bibles entered into sharp competition with the printed Averroes, finds its answer in the copies on the market, and the pages of the Summa. printers had a hard struggle, at first, The Angelic Doctor with the text writers resulting event-ually in a falling-off of the total output of printed Bibles for the time

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dangerous to the peaceful order of things and to the public safety." In the light of recent events these words written by the immortal pontiff forty years ago seem prophetic. Had they been heeded the world would have been spared many a cal amity. To the philosophical teachings of transcendentalists must be attributed the impulse which filled the hearts of men and nations with the lust of conquest and world dominion and which banished the true idea of God and morality from their

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