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## TERTIARY CENTENARY

HOLY FATHER URGES IMITATION

OF THE VIRTUES OF ST. FRANCIS

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

The full text of the Encyclical letter issued by the Holy Father for the seventh centenary anniversary of the institution of the Third Order of St. Francis is as follows :

Venerable Brothers, Greeting and **Apostolic Benediction** :

'Truly opportune We deem the approaching celebration of the seventh centenary of the institution of the Third Order of Penitence ; and to recommend it with all the strength of Our authority. We are induced not only by the certainty that it will result in a great advantage for the Christian people, but also by the grateful remembrance of something that personally concerns Us. In fact, when in 1882, amidst the affectionate applause of the good, the birth of the great Saint of Aseisl was solemnized, We wish to enter his family, and in the famous Basilica of Santa Maria in Ara Coeli, We put on the habit of a Franciscan Tertiary. Now, that, by Divine disposition, We were raised to this Chair of Peter. with all Our heart, even by reason of Our devotion towards St. Francis, We take advantage of the occasion offered to Us, in order to exhort all the devoted children of the Church to enroll in this Order, or, if already enrolled, to remain faithful to this institution of the Poor Man of Assisi. which is wonderfully suited to the wants of our present times.

It is, however, necessary first of all, that everyone have an exact idea of the character of St. Francis because that personage of Assisi, of modernist invention, pre purely sented today as not very obedient to this Apostolic See, and as an exemp lar of a vague and shadowy mysticism, cannot really be called either Francis of Assisi or Saint.

Now, the great and imperishable merits of St. Francis towards Christianity — for which he was justly called a support given by God to the Church in one of the most troubled periods-found their crowning in the Third Order, which, better than any other of his enterprises, brings to light the magnitude and the intensity of his ardor in propagating every where the glory of Jesus Christ. fact, considering the evils which then afflicted the Church, he was moved by an immense desire to reno. vate all according to Christian principle ; and to this end he founded a double Order, one of brothers and another of sisters who, professing solemn vows, were to follow the humility of the Cross; but being unable to receive all those who from everywhere flocked to put themselves under his discipline, he supplied a means to reach perfection even to those living in the world, and instituted a true Order, that of Tertiaries not bound by religious vows as the preceding ones, but equally inspired simplicity of customs and spirit of penitence.

He was thus the first who conceived and happily effected, with the divine help, what no other founder of Regulars had till then devised, namely, to render common to all the tenor of religious life ; on this point We will recall the beautiful words of Thomas of Celano : 'Artificer truly excellent, under whose religious formation, with a praise worth exalting, the Church of Christ renovates hersalf in both sexes, and a threefold crowd of people who want to be saved, triumph

From the testimony of so author. itative a man, contemporary of the divine will, in which order universal Saint, it is easy to unde

and private customs, provided it they only covet the intoxication of fourishes anew as when St. Francis by word and example preached every-observe that, while on one side there word and example preached every observe that, while on one side there are the Kingdom of God. In fact, is no moderation in accumulating first of all, he wants brotherly love to shine particularly in his Tertiaries as a producer of harmony and peace. the discomforts that accompany pov-Well understanding that this is the chief commandment of Our Lord and as the summary of the whole Chris-tian life, he directed all his care to imbuing with it his followers and he thus succeeded in rendering the Third Order most useful to

human society ; because the seraphic ardor of charity which inflame d St Francis could not remain shut in his heart, and necessarily burst to com-municate itself to as many as it ould.

Therefore, having begun by reforming the private and domestic life of his brethren, directing them to the acquisition of virtue, as if it were their sole aim, he thought that he ought not to stop here, but use this individual reform as an instrument to bring within this society a breath of Christian life. thus gaining every one to Christ. And the thought which inspired Francis to make of his Tertiaries so Holy Table, where they ought to go many heralds and apostles of peace to receive the Divine Author of many heralds and apostles of peace in the violent strifes and civil troubles of his times, was also Our passions. We shall not even speak thought, when almost the whole of those barbarous and exotic dances world blazed in the horrible War. and is now, when the immense fire is not yet extinguished, but still smokes and here and there bursts to tear away all shreds of modesty. forth in flames. And added to this is the internal trouble which excites the nations-owing to the lone for getfulness and the contempt of Chris-

tian principles—and causes the vari-ous social classes to fight for the possession of earthly goods with such a flerceness as to make one dread a universal catastrophe.

in which, as the representative of the ment of the comiorts of life in much King of Peace, We have lavished our patience in suffering, so as to de-most tender cares, We expect from all the children of the peace of Christ the assistance of their activity, but the assistance of their activity, but specially from Tertiaries, who will are not unworthy sons, let them emadmirably help in this reconciliation of spirits, if, besides growing in and bear with self denial their own numbers, they will intensify their enterprising zeal. It is to be hoped, therefore, that there be no town, no village, no borough, without a good number of brethren, who, however, must not be inert, and contented with the bare name of Tertiaries, but merit more from the Church and active and zealous for their salvation and that of their neighbor. And why could not the various Catholic if the members of this Order have associations of young men, women, and workingmen, flourishing almost everywhere, enroll themselves in the Third Order of Penitence, to go on working for the glory of God and the advantage of the Church, with that animated St. Francis? Because the borted the first Christians to off peace so anxiously invoked by peoples, is not the peace laboriously elaborated by politic craft, but the one which Christ brought to us, when he said : 'Peace I leave with you : My peace I give unto you ; not as the world giveth do I give unto you.' In the same way, the Franciscan Tertiaries must spread the good per-fume of Christ, through the integ-

States and the different classes, that and the sedulity of zeal, that will be may be evolved, by men, cannot last an advice and an invitation to nor have the strength of a true peace, straying brothers to come back to if it is not founded on the tranquility the right path : this is what the of spirits, that in its turn can only exist when the passions fomenting all kinds of discord are kept in all kinds of discord are kept in we trust, therefore, that the forthcoming cantenary celebrations among you?' asks the will mark a happy awaking of the Apostle St. James, 'Are they not hence, from your concupiscences, that you, Venerable Brothers, to which war in your members?' Well then, to order man interiorly, so that he may be not the slave but the pious sodalities of Tertiaries may

the master of his passions, and in turn be obedient and subject to the divine will, in which order universal possible, and that all may flourish

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the discomforts that accompany pov erty and misery, and while among proletaries and rich the flerce fight We spoke of is raging, the aversion of the needy is sharpened by the immoderate luxury of the many, united to a brazen licentiousness. "On this point We can never deplore enough the blindness of so

many women of all ages and condi-tions, who, infatuated by the the ambition of charming others, do not perceive how foolish are certain modes of dressing, with which they not only excite the disapproval of honest people, but what is worse, offend Our Lord. And in these clothes, that a short time ago, even they would have rejected with horror as unbecoming to Christian modesty -they not only present themselves in public, but are not even ashamed thus indecently dressed, to enter the churches, to assist at sacred cere-monies, and to bring even to the purity, the allurements of base passions. We shall not even speak which are now the fashion in the elegant world ; it would be impossible to find other means more proper

"Is the Tertiaries will give their careful attention to what We have said, they will easily understand what from them, as followers of St. Francis, the present hour is expecting. It is necessary, namely, that they model themselves on the life of their Father, that they consider what perfect imitator of Christ "Therefore, in this immense field, he was, particularly in the renounce cross. As to what particularly con cerns Tertiary women, let them, in their dress and their exterior appear ance, be a model, to girls and mothers, of boly modesty ; and let them be persuaded that they cannot society than by their cooperation in correcting corrupted habits. given life to many beneficent institutions to help the poor, they will certainly not fail to bring assistance to their brothers in needs much more pressing than material ones. And here We call to mind the saying horted the first Christians to offer to the Gentiles the example of a really holy life : that they, considering your good works, may glorify God on the day when He shall visit them. fume of Christ, through the integ-"And the agreement between the rity of faith, the innocence of life

Church exacts and expects from them. "We trust, therefore, that the

gether with other pastors of souls, will employ your utmost care so that

the Third Order, the Apostolic Bene- to missions, \$415.00 ; value of Church diction Given in Rome, at St. Peter's on the day of the Epiphany of Our Lord, 1921, seventh year of Our Pontificate. "BENEDICTUS PP. XV."

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY OF CANADA

THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

If the priests of the Church carry the light of the Gospel and administer the affairs of the established congregations it is equally true that their success would be greatly lessened were it not for the able assistance rendered them by their local purposes. auxiliaries. When Catholic Exten-sion took the field it was impossible to ignore the very evident place for women in the work to be carried on. Vestments were needed, altar linens also for the proper celebration of the holy mysteries, toys orphaned and Iudian children toys for and many articles as well for the budding congregations. So that with the Extension came to life a Women's Auxiliary. Auxiliary. The eleventh annual meeting of this body of devoted women was held in the St. Vincent de Paul Council Rooms, 80 Bond St. on Wednesday March 2nd, with Miss M. Hoskin, the President, in

the chair. The President of Extension, Very Rev. T. O'Donnell also present, recited the opening prayer Miss Margaret Breen, the general secretary, gave the following interest ing report of the Auxiliary

The membership roll of the Women's Auxiliary shows 600 names, 831 of whom are in good standing, having paid the annual fee of one dollar. There are ten councils at present-two new councils having been organized by our President the past year. These are St. Patrick's, Phelpston, and St. John's, Newmarket. The other councils are 6 in Toronto, viz., St. Peter's, St. Mary's, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Helen's, St. Basil's, St. Ann's, and in Montreal, St. Patrick's, and in Barrie, St. Mary's. The Auxiliary work is still carried

on through eight committees : Vest ments, Linen, Albs and Surplicas Veils, Flowers, Toys, Church Goods and Repairs. The last named committee, through the kindness of the Sister Superior of St. Joseph's Convent, Toronto, has been granted a room in the Convent for their work

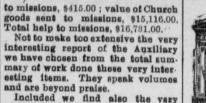
The St. Philip Neri Burse is progressing favourably and we hope where High Requiem Mass was sun, by Rev. Father Hanlon. Rev. Father Gaffney assisting at the grave. annual meeting.

Weston Sanitarium is visited regularly by an Extension member, Mrs. Doherty, and another member teaches a Sunday school class each week at the Mercer Institution. funds for the tenth mission chapel are now complete and the chapel will be named St. Mary's.

The St. Phillp Neri Barse is for the education of a priest for Missionary work. The funds on hand total \$682.13. Our readers will note that these good ladies have placed Ten chapels in the missionary Provinces. There is a small balance for another one next year.

We get some idea of the real value of the work done from the splendid report of the Church Goods' Committee.

During the year there were thirty-six cases packed and sent away containing : 9 copes, 149 sets of of which she had been a lifelong and FEACHER wanted for senior room of Cal devoted member, being for over thirty years a daily attendant at Latin vestments, 3 sets of Ruthenian holding second class professional certify Duties to begin after Easter. Apply, st experience and salary expected, to Rol Halford, Sec. Treas., R. R. 1, Maidstone., vestments, 35 albs, 35 cinctures, 37 the Mass and a daily communicant. stoles, 78 tabernacle veils, 32 cibor ium veils, 20 humeral veils, 17 missal Mrs. Battle, with her late husband, ium veils, 20 humeral veils, 17 missal markers, 28 burses, 1 oil case, 18 red altar covers 48 ough the the virtue of Christ, showing itself admirably efficacious in the family of Franciscan Tertiaries. altar covers, 42 surplices, 2 stocks, town, twenty years ago, she has been 1,209 articles of linen, 6 yards of linen, 90 altar cloths, 4 lace altar depres 60 Cm groups of believers, through the imiher long residence here, she was drapes, 60 Communion cards, 96 palls, tation of St. Francis, the way and the 43 bunches of flowers, 1 chalics, 1 noted for her generosity and charity, return to Christ, in which return lies pyx, 2 ciboria, 8 monstrances, 7 sets and the poor of Thorold of former every hops of future salvation. What days were always sure of help from her hands. To the present day of Mass Cards, 3 crucifixes, 3 pair in fact, the Apostle says of himself candelabra, 27 pairs candlesticks, 24 pairs vases, 4 bells, 2 missals, 1 missal stand, 10 sets of cruets, 1 'Be my imitators, as I am of Christ, can be repeated of himself by St incidents are related of her kind and charitable acts. In her own family Francis, who, imitating Jesus Christ. luna stand, 8 censers and boats, she was cherished and reverenced became a faithful copy and image of sanctuary lamps, 1 holy water pot, 1 receiving that deference and love which her years, her qualities, and her efforts for their welfare, so set of Stations of the Cross, 1 statue " And to render more faithful this of the Sacred Heart, 1 statue of centenary celebration, agreeing to the request made by the Ministers St. Anthony, 12 quilts, several books. richly deserved. She was the daughter of Patrick Total value of these articles, General of the three Franciscan families, very willing We grant from and Margaret (MacDonald) Cullen of \$15,116.00. The list of names of missionaries St. Catharines, and was the last the sacred treasury of the Church to whom Church goods were sent surviving member of that family. is as follows: Rev. A. Lecorre, O. M. I., St. Albert, Alberta; Right Rev. J McNally, D. D., Calgary, Alta.; Right Rev. Bishop Breynat, Fort Smith, N. W. T.; Most Rev. O. C. Mathieu, D. D., Regine, Alta.; Right Rev. Halle, D. D. She is survived by the following "1. That in all the Churches where the Sodality of the Third family: Matthew, St. Catharines; David, Joseph, James, Thorold; Martin and Cecelia, Hamilton; Richard J., Baffalo; P. Sarsfield, New Order exists, canonically erected, celebrating in them within one year from the Sixteenth of April next, a sacred Triduum to solemnize this York; Thomas F., Niagara Falls; (Ont.). One son, John, for many Rev. Mgr. Halle, D. D., Hearst, Ont. Right Rev. Bishop Grouard, Granard years collector of customs at Thorold Rev. Father McKenzie, St. Ann's Chapel, Revelstoke, B. C.; Very Rev. and Merritton, and one daughter. under the usual conditions, in each Mrs. Thomas Merritt, died some years of the three days, and the others Dr. Murphy, Brigus, Newfoundland; Rev. L. V. D. Bossche, Ruthenian ago. The Solemn High Requiem Mass Catholic Mission, Komarno, Man. was said by her grandson, the Rev. Father Battle of St. Mary's Church, Rev. Thos. H. Green, St. Patrick's Church, Medicine Hat, Alta; Rev. "If we consider carefully, there "If we consider carefully, there are at present two passions prevail ing in this incredible preversity of customs: the unbounded love of customs: the unbounded love of customs: the unbounded love of customs of the states of those churches be priv-customs of the states of those churches be priv-customs of the unbounded love of customs of the states of those churches be priv-customs of the unbounded love of customs of the states of those churches be priv-customs of the states of those churches be priv-customs of the unbounded love of customs of the states of those churches be priv-customs of the unbounded love of customs of the states of those churches be priv-customs of the unbounded love of customs of the unbounded love of customs of the states of those churches be priv-customs of the unbounded love of customs of the states of the states of those churches be priv-customs of the unbounded love of customs of the states of those churches be priv-customs of the states of the st Toronto, the Rev. Monsignor Sullivan. Pastor of Thorold being the Deacon and Rev. Father O'Neill, Pastor of Port Dalhousie being the Sub-deacon and Rev. Father O'Neil, Curate of conditions of society, changing some riches and an unquenchable thirst each priest may calebrate the mass did not seem suitable to our custoff our age, that while progressing unceasingly in the conveniences and conforts of life, nevertheless in what the text of life, nevertheless in what the text of life, nevertheless in what the text of life, nevertheless in what life, as they are proposed by the life, Saek.; Rev. V. Rohr, O. M. I., Herro-Thorold being the Master of Ceremonies. The church was filled with sympathizing friends, some two hundred pupils of the Thorold Separate School being present-as a Lillovet, B. C.; Rev. J. C. Cadot, S mark of respect to the deceased-as ., Penetanguishine, Ont. ; Rav. Gao. she and her husband, the late John Let entire and unchanged.'
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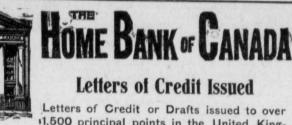
JOHN P. QUIRK The death occurred at the Strat.

ford General Hospital, on Sunday, Feb. 13th, of John P. Quirk, youngest son, of the late Michael Quirk, J. one of the first settlers of the Gore of Downie. The deceased lived on the homestead in Downie, up to 1916, when he sold out and took up his residence in Stratford. He was bachelor and is survived by six eisters, Miss Mary at home; Sister Presca of Loretto Abbey, Toronto; Mrs. H. P. Dann, Toronto; Mrs. E. O'Flaherty, of Stratford; Mrs. Bernard Murray, Downie; Mrs P. Stratford; Mrs. Hishon, Kinkora, Ont. The funeral took place on Tuesday morning .at nine a. m., to St. Joseph's Church Gaffney assisting as the grave.

MRS. JOHN BATTLE

Thorold Semi-Weekly Post

In the death of Cecilia Battle, widow of the late John Battle, at her residence, 118 Wentworth street south, Hamilton, Tuesday, March 1st, Thorold has lost another old, highly esteemed resident. Battle, who had reached the advanced age of eighty four years, was, up to within ten days of her death, in her usual enjoyment of health, heart trouble set in. and. despite all that medical skill and kind nursing could do, the end came. She was in her last moments surrounded by the members of her family, and passed away after a long and useful life, fortified by the rites of her Church.



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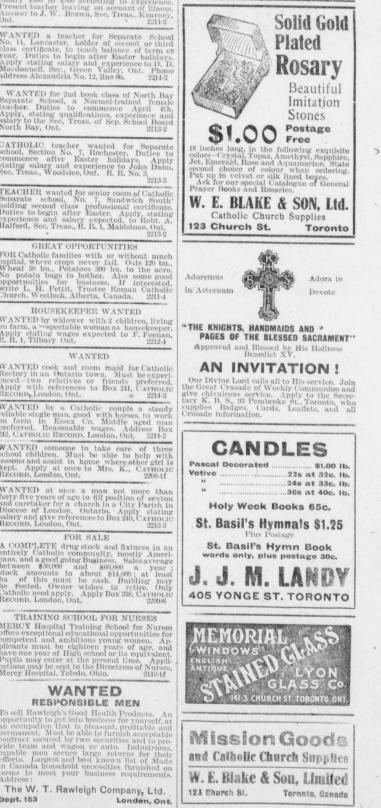
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W, E. Barker. Interment took place on Feb. 11th to St. Peter's Cemetery,



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deeply St. Francis with this institution stirred the multitudes and what salutary renovation it worked among

Therefore, as it is impossible them. "Since, then, this Order proposes, to doubt that St. Francis was the true founder of the Third Order, as he had been the founder of the First and the Second, so, without any doubt, he was its most wise legislator. In this matter he was greatly assisted, as it is known, by Cardinal Ugolino, the same who afterwards, under the name of Gregory IX., illuminated this Apostolic See, and who, after the death of the Patriarch of Assisi, whose intimate friend he remained while he lived, erected on his tomb such a beautiful and magnif icent temple. And nobody forgets that the Rule of the Tertiaries has been solemnly sanctioned and ap proved by Our Predecessor, Nicholas

matter, because Our chief purpose is to demonstrate the character and the say of themselves with the Apostles : inner spirit of the Third Order from which period so antagonistic to virtue and that comes from God.' Whereupon, Faith, the benefits for the Christian people. That excellent judge of cipline of Tertiaries more accessible life on every occasion. to every rank of persons, very wisely, the Constitution 'Misericors Dei are at present two passions prevail Filius' of the year 1883, tempered their rule, 'according to the present customs : conditions of society,' changing some sential has been taken from the der, as we want its nature to be Lent entire and unchanged.'

as We have said, to guide its members to Christian perfection, although they be involved in the solicitudes of the world-because no state of life is incompatible with holiness-if they are many who live according to this rule, it follows that they will incite all the others among whom they live, not only to fulfil entirely Him. their duty, but also to aspire to a perfection greater than the one prescribed by the ordinary law. Therefore, that praise bestowed by Our Lord on His disciples most devoted to Him, when He said : the sacred tre 'They are not of the world, as I the following : also am not of the world,' can justly be applied to those sons of St.

But we need not enlarge on this spirit the Evangelical Counsels, as spirit of the Third Order from 'We, however, have not received the Seventh Century, the Tertiaries may as in St. Francis' time, in this spirit of this world, but the spirit acquire the Plenary Indulgence, Church expects great keeping themselves as apart as ts great keeping themselves as apart as of the three days, and the others only once; those, besides, who, re-present they will try to make the spirit of the world, only once; those, besides, who, re-penting of their sins, shall visit in said churches the Most Holy screessible life on every occasion. times, Leo XIII., to render the dis- Jesus Christ penetrate the common

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