

according to the rubrics of the Roman ritual. So runs the papal decree. It will be well for all concerned to make a note of this.

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The fact that some neglect to register the names of persons invested in the Scapular does not wipe away the obligation to do so.

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We know boys and girls who have become proficient readers, and whose fathers or brothers have gotten into the habit of doing some serious thinking on their own account. And it all came about by the child reading aloud a chapter from some good book. A page, or two, of Thomas a Kempis is not going to spoil your breakfast.

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And now it is said that another place of pilgrimage has sprung up near Lilly, in France. In consequence the wise member of the psychological society wipes his glasses, and makes ready to probe the matter to the bottom. But a wag of his lucid head does not change the faith of Mary's true clients.

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At present in about 200 towns in the United States the curfew bell is rung every evening in winter at 8 and summer at 9 o'clock. It is about time for this old laudable custom to again come in vogue. Great good will come of it. Would that it became a universal custom. After all it is a sad commentary on delinquent parents who shift their obligations on the shoulders of the civil authorities. Children who have good parents and a happy home have no need of a curfew bell.

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Some one has said that if every book were destroyed except the story of our Lord's Passion, it alone would suffice

to save and sanctify all mankind. A short meditation these days on the words, "Who suffered?" "What did He suffer?" and "For whom?" would work miracles in your soul. There is desolation in the land because so few think in their hearts. This can apply to you. Think, and think now. For, not next year—nor when your hair is white, but "*now is the acceptable time.*"

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There are divers roads to heaven, but one of the most certain, and the easiest-going, is to accompany your Blessed Mother. Give her a word, or at least a look of sympathy during this Passion tide, and you will feel a better and happier Christian for having thus paid your debt of filial devotion to the loving *Mater Dolorosa*.

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The magazines have shown unusual activity of late in giving their readers reminiscences of the great men of this century. None eclipse in interest the memoirs of the present illustrious successor of St. Peter. Leo's school-day letters, so happily preserved to posterity, are most pathetic, full of piety and filial devotion. One cannot peruse them without imbibing some of their genial warmth. We feel drawn to the tender heart of our great spiritual father, when we read of his ardent devotion to the divine Childhood as expressed in his letters to his mother. What consoling reading it would be for anxious parents had they a collection of these letters in book-form! And here we feel moved to say that devotion to the divine Child is one of the most potent means of fostering and preserving innocence in our rising generation. Zealous pastors who have established such societies for the innocent ones of their flocks have seen their best hopes more than realized.