

FIVE MINUTE SERMON

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CHRIST—HIS GREATNESS AND GOODNESS

"This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." (St. Matt. 17:1, 5)

If the principal duty of man is to love and serve God, the principal duty of the Christian is to know and imitate Christ. This knowledge may be obtained in a supernatural and a natural manner.

We obtain a knowledge of Christ in a supernatural way by prayer, by meditation and by devotion to the Sacred Heart, to the Blessed Sacrament and to the Blessed Mother of Christ; while we obtain a knowledge of Him in a natural way from the Gospels and the epistles of St. Paul.

When reading the history of our Redeemer as contained in the Gospels we cannot but be impressed by His wonderful greatness and amiability. Compared with Him, all the great heroes and philosophers of ancient and modern times sink into insignificance.

Wisdom is undoubtedly the first endowment which would entitle a man to be called great. Every action of our Redeemer was a dictate of wisdom. Everything he said bore its impression, and hence the enemies of Christianity can find no flaw in His life and doctrine. What stronger proof of wisdom could there be? We will notice a few particular instances. What depth of wisdom is there not embodied in that celebrated prayer, the Our Father, which without study He poured from His lips, and which in a few words combines all the wants of all men? It is so simple as to be level to the lowest intellect, and so sublime as to outreach the loftiest.

On a certain occasion, the Pharisees having carefully prepared to entrap Him sent their disciples to Him saying: "Show us a sign that Thou art a true speaker and teachest the way of God and dost not care for any man. Tell us, therefore, what dost Thou think? Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar or not?"

See the studied cunning of the shrewd Pharisees. If He answers, "Yes," He becomes an enemy to the Jews who did not wish to pay Roman taxes. If He answers "No," they will charge Him with opposition to public authority. There seems to be no refuge from the alternative. An ancient philosopher would have required time for the solution. But our Redeemer said: "Show Me the coin of the tribute." And they offered Him a penny. But Jesus saith to them: "Whose image and inscription is this? They say to Him: 'Caesar's.' Then He saith to them: 'Render, therefore, to Caesar, the things which are Caesar's, and to God the things which are God's.' And when they heard this they wondered, and leaving Him, went their way."

Observe how beautifully our Redeemer in these few, wise words silences His enemies and at the same time gives us a most useful moral lesson, namely to give everyone his due.

Another mark of greatness is individual power. While with His disciples in a vessel on the lake of Gennesareth "a great tempest arose in the sea so that the ship was covered with waves; but He was asleep." Imagine you are on the sea; a storm arises; the waves roll mountain high and break against the vessel, threatening to bury it in the deep; the heavens add their terror by terrific peals of thunder and frightful flashes of lightning. In the midst of all this Jesus, as if unconscious, sleeps. The frightened Apostles rouse Him and He "rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Peace be still,' . . . and there came a great calm." Who would not have been amazed at such a sight! "The men wondered saying, 'What manner of man is this, for the winds and the sea obey Him.'"

We have other instances of His power in His many miracles and especially in the raising of Lazarus from the dead after He had been four days in the tomb.

But our Redeemer was as amiable and good as He was great. He was kind and affable to all ranks and conditions. He was even called the friend of sinners. Witness His kindness to the public sinner who with a contrite heart cast herself at His feet.

See with what goodness He receives little children. He said: "Suffer little children to come unto Me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." He was charitable to all and at all times. But the greatest, the sublime act of charity and manifestation of His goodness consists in the shedding of His blood for man's redemption. "Greater love than this," He says, "no man has, that He give up His life for His fellowman."

Jesus Christ gave up His life for you and for me. For this wonderful goodness we should love Him, as for His greatness we should admire Him.

From His wonderful manifestation of greatness and goodness we cannot but see that Christ is more than man. Hence, while admiring Him on account of His greatness and loving Him for His goodness we are ready to fall down in adoration before Him even before His heavenly Father tells us, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

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TEMPERANCE

THE CHURCH AND THE SALOON

We find the names of three Catholic priests as taking part in the National Convention of the Anti-Saloon League in Columbus, O., last November—the Rev. J. J. Curran of Wilkesbarre, Pa., the Rev. Patrick I. Murphy of Delhart, Texas, and the Rev. John Kuback of South Bend, Ind., a Polish priest who is eager to spread temperance literature in the Polish language among his people. There may have been other priests wedded in their minds that it is almost impossible to make them see the truth as it really is. Father Murphy, speaking at the Convention, said:

"The man who tells you that the Catholic Church is for the saloon is doing a grave injustice to the religion of fifteen millions of the American people. The man who tells you that the Catholic priesthood and the allies of the saloon business—the man who tells you that is guilty of a gross and serious misrepresentation."

Father Murphy quoted from the legislation of the Council of Baltimore to show the spirit of the Church toward the liquor traffic, as did also Father Curran. "True it is," said the Wilkesbarre priest, "that the Catholic Church, as such, has never formally set on foot a temperance movement or crusade such as engages the attention of the world in our day. Nevertheless she has always encouraged and fostered such movements among her own people, and has blessed the efforts of all her children engaged in the cause."

RUSSIAN SYSTEM OF SELLING LIQUOR A FAILURE

Government monopoly of the liquor business is often advanced as a possible cure for the evils of the system prevailing at present here in the United States. But at least in one instance this government monopoly has not worked well. We refer to the case of Russia. There the plan of government selling of liquor has proved a complete failure in so far as a betterment of conditions affecting the abuse of alcoholic beverage is concerned.

In St. Petersburg on Jan. 28, Count Serge Witte, author of the government monopoly plan, pathetically pointed out to the council of the em-

pire that the scheme instead of working as he expected had brought still greater evils upon the Russian people. Count Witte explained that it has been his hope that government control of the sale of vodka, the popular drink of the nation, would have the effect of restricting the consumption and at the same time would bring desired revenue into the treasury. The results of the undertaking, he admitted, had been disastrous, as the government agents had exerted themselves to increase their sales, and thus had augmented to an alarming degree the habits of intemperance which always had been the besetting vice of the masses. Powerful argument was presented by Count Witte for prompt and energetic governmental action to remedy the error for which he had unconsciously furnished the basis, and which he contended had been propagated by his successors in the ministry of finance.

IN AN IRISH VILLAGE

The other day a man desiring to establish a public house or saloon in the village of Coole, County Meath, Ireland, applied for a license, which was opposed, successfully, we are glad to say, by the pastor of the parish of which Coole forms a part. The police sergeant also opposed the granting of the license, and testified that in the village for which the license was sought, there was not what might be called a pressing need for a public house. In fact, the village consisted of a chapel, a school, and one house inhabited by one man—a herd. Summerhill village was three miles distant, and there were two public-houses there. Kilcock was four miles distant, and there were seven public-houses there. The premises were three miles from the police barracks, and were situated beside the chapel. The population of ten townlands in the vicinity was 891.

The parish priest said that the license would serve no purpose except the evil purpose of alluring young men from the neighborhood.

Irish towns and villages are notoriously over-supplied with facilities for drinking. But to establish a public house in a village which has only one steady inhabitant would seem to be the very limit in the liquor line.—Sacred Heart Review.

GENESIS OF DEVOTION TO ST. JOSEPH

There is an intimate relation between Catholic doctrine and Catholic devotion. They are to each other as the root and the flower. Both are quickened by the same Spirit of God, and the sap which is nourished in the one gives life and beauty to the other.

A more intense perception of certain mysteries in any particular age will likewise bring with it a constantly increasing devotion to them. With the more perfect unfolding of truths, which have always existed unchanged within the Church, but have not always been recognized with the same distinctness of vision by the faithful, seemingly new devotions may spring into being. Upon closer study we shall probably find, however, that they had long been cherished by favored souls, although the time for their wider diffusion had not yet come. This is true especially of the great and universal devotions of the Church, such as that to St. Joseph.

There is in all this process no evolution of new doctrines and rejection of the old, such as Modernism demands. To proclaim clearly and unmistakably, according to the needs of successive generations, the unchanging verities revealed from the beginning of Christianity and found in their completeness in Holy Writ and in Tradition is a function of the Church's definitions. Thus a more comprehensive understanding of the mystery of our Lord's life necessarily brought with it in the course of years a more profound acknowledgment of the dignity of the Mother of God; and this in turn could not fail to impress ever more deeply in the minds of men the sublime grandeur of him whom God had chosen from among all mankind to be her Virgin Spouse, the Foster Father of the Christ.

A special Providence was watching over the growth of the Church, and taking into merciful account the human weakness of its members.

To the early Christians, with the bias of Judaism slowly passing from their minds or the confusion of paganism, with its multiplicity of false divinities still fresh in their memories, the faith of Christ Jesus was proposed in all its simplicity. When this had been fully grasped there was time to acquaint them in greater fullness with the sublime prerogatives of Mary. Yet there was in all this nothing new. Long before had her immaculate sinlessness been proclaimed by the Archangel's lips, and her sublime dignity described by the pen of the Evangelist. Devotion to her had been sanctioned by the inspired praises of Elizabeth and foretold in the words of her own Magnificat: "Behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed." Soon enough the pages of the great Fathers of the Church should be redolent of Mary: nothing so sweet, nothing so tender, nothing so beautiful, nothing so glorious, nothing so potent with Virgin Mother.

In a similar manner both the doctrine and devotion to St. Joseph were contained in the early Church. Doctrinally we can add nothing to what was already known by the Jews or gentiles who listened to the teachings of the Apostles, or by the

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faithful throughout the churches of the early Christian communities to whom were read, in their assemblies of worship, the gospels written by Saint Matthew and Saint Luke.

The whole reason, therefore, of devotion to Saint Joseph is to be found in the Holy Scriptures. In them we behold him standing forth as the elect of God, a man of angelic chastity, of perfect justice and of unwavering faith, to whom the two most precious treasures of heaven were committed. Thus we behold him exalted in his sublime dignity as Head of the Holy Family, representing for Jesus the Eternal Fatherhood and for Mary the divine virginity of her Invisible Spouse, commanding Him Whom all creation must obey and instructing to humble toil the little hands by Whose omnipotence the world was fashioned. It was Joseph, the saviour of the Saviour of the world, whom again we see so beautifully prefigured in the Old Testament, preserving for us in the land of Egypt the Bread of Life, that with it all future generations might be nourished in the Holy Eucharist, our daily Food in these spacious days of God's abounding grace.

Volumes could never exist, nor human minds hope to fathom, the depth and height and compass of the thoughts contained in that simple reference to Joseph which has come to us from the lips of Mary, revealing the whole history of a divinely ordered family life, linking together those three hearts which God eternally united for suffering, joy and glory: "Thy father and I!" (Luke 11:28.)

If, then, the doctrinal foundation of the great devotion to Saint Joseph which was to culminate for our age in the utterances of the Holy See, proclaiming him the patron of the universal Church, was to be found in its completeness in the Church of the Apostles, why, we may wonder, did not devotion to him begin at a far earlier date? In answer we can only repeat the reasons already given in describing the progress of devotion to Mary. There is depth below depth and height beyond height in the words of sacred text; and the minds of men, engaged in exploring its full meaning in regard to the humanity and divinity of Christ, were too much absorbed to perceive equally well all the related truths. Yet upon the intensity of this perception depended, according to the ordinary dispensation of Providence, the devotion that was to rise from it as naturally as the odor from the rose in its bloom.

There was likewise that second reason which is to be found in the tender regard of the Infinite Mercy for poor human nature, darkened in intellect and weakened in will by the original fall. It was necessary, therefore, that not every truth be proposed at once in its full import, but that each should be permitted to exercise its due influence.

Mysterious are the workings of the Spirit of God. Its wisdom plans with tenderness. Its power is active without haste or effort. To it belongs all time wherein to complete, even to the least detail, its manifold designs. No less consoling, therefore, than awe-inspiring is the constant and undeviating course of the divine Providence, carrying into perfect fulfilment, amid all the cross and counter currents of humanity and the free actions of the human will, its eternal counsels:

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Devotion to our Lady was at all times to be found within the Church. There can only be question of a wider expansion of it in later ages. Never, perhaps, was there to be a greater depth and fervor of filial affection than existed in the soul of the beloved disciple to whom Christ committed His Mother from the cross to be the Mother of us all. Similarly, devotion to St. Joseph is recent only in its universality. Egypt and Palestine paid special honors to him in the earliest times, and we find his picture represented in the Christian art of the fourth, fifth and sixth centuries. The mysteries of the sacred childhood of the Saviour, as imaged on the walls of the catacombs, do not fail to reproduce faithfully the Scripture truth, that the Infant was to be found with Mary and Joseph, where more than ever we must seek Him now.

Long before devotion to St. Joseph had become general in the Church the Fathers pointed out to men the reasons for its contained in the inspired word of God. To the eyes of St. John Chrysostom the heavenly gentleness and magnanimity of which St. Joseph gave such signal proofs in the hour of trial, are the effects of the Sun of Justice, which even before its full rising bathed in the golden effulgence of its splendor the towering mountain tops.

It would here be a delightful but an endless task to quote the many glorious passages from St. Augustine, St. Jerome, St. Bernard, St. Peter Chrysologus, and others in the earlier periods of the Church, which abundantly confirm all that the Church to-day teaches concerning the greatness of St. Joseph. The two saints, however, who in recent times more than any others appear to have been the instruments of Providence in giving the great impulse to the present devotion to our saint in the Church of God, are St. Teresa and St. Francis de Sales. Thanks to them, every child can now be taught in our favored age how devotion to Joseph is a mighty and sure means of winning the choicest love and blessings that are contained in the Heart of Jesus. Of all the treasures Mary holds the key, and they are freely lavished when implored by a loving, trusting heart in the name of her spouse, St. Joseph—Joseph Husslein, S. J., in America.

DISTORTED HISTORY

ENGLISH BISHOP DENOUNCES "FORCIBLE FEEDING" WITH PREJUDICIAL LITERATURE AND HISTORY

That Catholic children in non-Catholic schools are exposed to "forcible feeding" from prejudicial literature and history is insisted upon by the Bishop of Northampton, England, in a recent pastoral, says The Sacred Heart Review. The Bishop charged that there is "a Protestant bias in most subjects outside the multiplication table," and he denounced the system that "callously submit Catholic children to such influences every day of the week."

Convictions can not be kept aunder in air-tight compartments. A Catholic necessarily views the events of the past with the very opposite feelings from those of his Protestant neighbors and he can not adopt their version of those events without ceasing to be a Catholic at all. Judge, then, of the feelings of a sensitive and defenceless Catholic child, filled up, day by day, with the laudations of Wycliff, Luther, Crammer, Henry VIII, Elizabeth, Oliver Cromwell, and William of Orange, wounded by odious misrepresentations of the Ages of Faith and Catholic practices; forced to read and repeat stult upon Popes and saints, monks and nuns, and his own martyred ancestors; taught that the Papacy became "unpopular" in England because it was always "interfering" and "provoking" "the permanent dislike felt by Englishmen to the supremacy of any foreign power in England; that "monks for the most part stood in the way of religious, social and educational progress; that they "owned vast estates and did little good with their immense wealth;" that "the friars who travelled from place to place were often lazy and ignorant;" that "the Roman Catholics" were responsible for "that hateful secret court," the Inquisition, and for "the fires of Smithfield;" but that Elizabeth "made no attempt to find out what men believed or to punish them for it," the "few" Catholics who suffered "toward the end of her reign" being punished "not so much because of their religion, as because their obedience to the Pope made them rebels to the Queen."

The Bishop declares that these expressions, taken almost at random, from standard school books are samples of the "forcible feeding" to which luckless thousands of children are subjected year in and year out.

Similar forcible feeding, it may be said, was once the lot of Catholic children in our own Public schools. And in many places yet, it has not altogether fallen into disuse. The public libraries, still are responsible for a great deal of the same cramming.

The Mother of God was Blessed in that she was made, for a time, to minister to the wants of the Incurable Word; but much more Blessed was she, in that she was, and will ever be, the keeper and doer of the love due to that same her Son.—St. Venerable Bede.

DO YOU CARE WHERE YOUR GIRL WORKS?

"There are some parents," says the Catholic Herald, "who seem to think that wages cover a multitude of sins, and that it matters little what the child does so he or she has a large earning power. Of course, it is not necessary to point out that such an idea is entirely erroneous, and that a parent who governs his management of his child by any such idea is not doing his duty. Particularly is that true of the young girl who is allowed to take a position very often in an office regardless of the fact that the work entails her being thrown into intimate and close communication with a libertine. Before any girl accepts a position as stenographer, for instance, she should be certain that she is not going to be forced to spend hours with a man whose sole aim will be her ruin. Too often the young girl out seeking a place where she can earn her living will accept some position where the salary seems attractive in preference to one that is much safer where the income is less, but let her remember that no money will compensate for her ruin, and that she had better by far beg on the streets than work for some men, and unfortunately, the 'some' includes a very large number."

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To preserve the peace of our own souls amid all the work and worry of the world—this it is that we must do; this it is that we can do if we are truthful and prayerful. Our Catholic faith is a wonderful pacifier of the storms of the heart. The trouble with so many of us who are spiritually restless and troubled is that we do not make use of the means for interior peace which the Church provides.

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