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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER

PENTECOST THE SAFEGUARD OF OUR SOUL "Lord, come down before that my son die.' John iy, 49.)

The gospel narrative today is simple and touching. The ruler loved his son, and was sorely grieved that he was losing him. Oppor-tunely he heard that our Blessed Lord had come from Judea to Galilee. He hastened therefore to Him; and the cry of his heart went forth, full of faith and trusting hope; Lord, come down and heal my son. And when our Saviour

that my soul die." And how this prayer of poor fallen man has been heard! God the Son came down from heaven and became Man to succour the soul of man. He taught it; He comforted it; He blessed it, and redeemed it. He, Who was the glory of heaven, came down, and became the Crucified Victim of Calvary for us. And lest in suc-ceeding ages the memory of this atonement should grow dim, and lose its power over the hearts of men, the loving Lord perpetuated this Sacrifice, this oblation of Himself for man, lest that our soul should die. Faithful hearts gather round the altar, and their cry.is, "Come down." During all these centuries, day after day, in every church the miracle of miracles is worked, and at the words of con-Lord, true God, true Man, comes down in His Mercy and His love. Here is our salvation! What Calvary did, the Mass can do! The work of our redemption is renewed lest our souls die. For a moment reflect; what earnestness, devotion, gratitude should be ours for the daily Holy Mass. Christ comes down to heal us, strengthening us, to make our hearts live for and tend to their eternal destiny.

Come down! Yes, daily upon our altars, and yet the Sacred Heart of Jesus is not content. There is another yearning, another longing that inflames it. Come down, He bids us pray again. Come down, dear Lord, into the very depths of our poor souls, come down and heal them in Holy Communion. Have we no pity for our own poor souls, that are dying—frail, languishing, wasting for nourishment and health and strength? And our Blessed Lord comes down to us, saying to us, "I am the Bread of life. . . . If

any man eat of this Bread he shall live for ever" (John vi 48 70) for ever live for ever" (John vi. 48, 52). All that is wanting is our desire and onging to come to Him to be

What shall we answer to Christ the Judge if our souls die? It will be all our own fault. No shadow be all our own fault. No shadow of an excuse. No one upon whom to lay the blame except our own selves. We may say we were tempted by the devil; but here was our Lord to succour us. We were our Lord to succour us. We were was all of a house in Toelz, in Bavaria, there was at one time a painting of a gint walking through rushing waters, beneath which ran the Germann was located. wask and sinful; yes, and we neglected to seek strength and holiness here in the Blessed Sacrament. We were busy and occupied with many cares and pursuits of the world; ah I had we not time to the world; ah I had we not time to the world; and the world; ah I had we not time to the world; and the world; an world; ah! had we not time to secure eternity? Passing pleasures of an hour were more thought of than the eternal joys of heaven, of which the Blessed Eucharist is the

token and the pledge.

Our divine Lord is longing to come to us; but we, alas! have little longing or desire to come to Him. Where is our faith, our hope, our love for Him? Where is the fear within us lest our soul should die? It humbles us to remember the devotedness of others, and how in response to the cry of their hearts, our Saviour has come and made His abode with them, and transformed them into great the saint on a building in a city of Saxony, Oschatz, over three hundred years after the Reformation, and until it was destroyed by the conflagration of 1842. A Protestant author records that the painter, Christopher Richter, who, while engaged in the restoration of the painting, scoffed at the popular belief regarding the saint, fell from a ladder and was instantly killed. abode with them, and transformed them into saints. Yes, they have become saints because they were anxious about their souls, and their anxious about their souls, and their faith taught them how their souls could be safeguarded. The cry of their heart was, "Lord, come down;" they knew they could not do without Him. And the safety, the growth, the perfecting of their souls was in this—that our Lord had come with His blessed healing and howighted. and nourishing, and had stayed with them. His Presence made them realize more and more His blessings and His love, and then on their part their desire and longing for Him

when our days on earth are drawing to a close, and in response to our dying cry, "Lord, come down," the Holy Viaticum will be brought to us, and for the last time on earth our wistful eyes will look upon our Blessed Lord in the Holy Eucharist! Soon to behold Him in His glory in that eternal home whither He will lead us.

ST. CHRISTOPHER

PATRON OF AUTOMOBILISTS ONCE A POPULAR SAINT

In the Church of St. Margaret, in Paston, on the coast of Norfolk, in England, a mural painting, repre-senting St. Christopher and the Christ Child, was recently discovmy son. And when our Saviour chided him that unless he saw signs and wonders he believed not, the father's heart, not minding the rebuke, persevered in the prayer: "Lord, come down before that my "Lord, come down before that my alle work of art. The figure which Have we not something that we should cherish even more than that father did his son? Should not our prayer be more earnest and persevering than that father's? Ours should be, "Lord, come down before that my soul die." And how this prayer of poor faller we have the striking. A distinguished student of art assigns the painting a remarkable work of art. The figure which by no means ungreatful lines. The expression of the eyes is said to be striking. A distinguished student of art assigns the painting a remarkable work of art. The figure which is twelve feet high, shows firm, but by no means ungreatful lines. The expression of the eyes is said to be striking. A distinguished student of art. The figure which is twelve feet high, shows firm, but by no means ungreatful lines. The expression of the eyes is said to be striking. A distinguished student of art. The figure which is twelve feet high, shows firm, but by no means ungreatful lines. The expression of the eyes is said to be striking. A distinguished student of art. The figure which is twelve feet high, shows firm, but by no means ungreatful lines. The expression of the eyes is said to be striking. A distinguished student of art.

The article goes on to say that the part of England which constituted East Anglia is rich in mural paintings of St. Christopher. A number of places in which such paintings are known to exist are named, and the circumstances mentioned, that there are even two tioned that there are even two pictures of the saint on the walls of the church at Stow Bardolph in Incidentally, the writer of the article notes the fact that no less than one hundred and eighty such pictures of the Christ-bearing ferry-man are known to exist in England.

question of mural church paintings marching armies set out on the civilized task of destruction.

Today after the useless carnage induced to foster this matter of art induced to foster this matter of art more than they have hither to done. Singularly enough, however, the British Catholic weekly does not explain to its readers just why pictures of St. Christopher were so very common, not only in England, but also in all parts of Germany and Austria and in Switzerland; nor why, in most instances the range.

Of four years the nations are challenging the very idea of war. The diplomats and the politicians are still wed to it but the people in this country, the no-war demonstrations in England, the Third International Democratic Congress why, in most instances the range. why, in most instances, the representations showed such exceptional proportions. The reason is that St. Christopher, pictured as a giant, striding through the water, with a striding through the water wa tree as his staff, was the patron against a sudden and unprepared death. Hence it is that representations of this saint were made in such proportions, some of the pic-tures showing him in a height of no less than thirty feet, and that they appear on the outer church walls, particularly near the entrance to the churches. "People should see him from afar," writes the his-torian, Father Michael, S. J., "for it was hoped that a view of him would preserve one from an unpro-

vided death. Pictures and sculptural representations of the saint were, however, by no means confined to churches, secular structures, houses and bridges also being ornamental

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THE PEACE MIND

One of the heartening signs of the present era is the consistent effort in every country to develop the peace mind. It is a very simple statement yet none the less true that there could be no war unless the minds of nations were bent on Norfolk, one on the north and the other on the south wall of the nave. the sooner will peace become attain-The sooner the nations' minds able. Heretorore the nations be-lieved in the idea that war was inevitable, and as a matter of course when diplomatic relations became strained the accepted thing was to Reporting the discovery and the comment of the Times, the Tablet expresses the hope that, now the

meeting in Fribourg to discuss course of a year. And new vistas Nationalism and Disarmament are would be opened, new aspirations men or politicians. Leadership in the battle for peace has not come from those who have the destiny of the nations in their hands.

Departing for Europe the other day to attend the annual conference of ex-soldiers representing eight nations, the Commander of the

American Legion declared:
"What we propose is preparedness for peace... I challenge the sincerity of any nation that prepares for war with any instrument of destruction and claims the name of defender of the world peace. Peace will come when the people of the world will to have peace, and express that will and real desire in a solemn declaration and covenant and of with read faith and to we have the control of the world with read faith and the world with read faith with read faith and the world with read faith and the world with read faith and the world with read faith with r sealed with good faith and honor."
When the veterans of the World

War speak out in this manner the governments of the world cannot fail to read the message of determination that is back of their words. Men who have suffered in war are the best promoters of the peace

Tea and eggs are in the same Tell me, now, whereon did the mighty Christopher stand?"

The same inscription in Latin, however, remained visible, along with a painting of the saint on a building in a city of Saxony, Oschatz, over three hundred vears

PROTAGONISTS OF FAITH

pher Richter, who, while engaged in the restoration of the painting, scoffed at the popular belief regarding the saint, fell from a ladder and was instantly killed.

Unquestionably St. Christopher, counted among the Fourteen Holy Helpers, is one of the most popular saints among the Christian people of the Near East, as well as in the Catholic Church (his feast is celebrated on May 9 and July 25, respectively.) During the Middle Ages brotherhoods of St. Christopher devoted themselves to the care of poor travelers, one of the most being the one founded by Henry of Kempton in 1886, which had its thousands who go to the movies, shostelry on the Arlberg, in the Tyrol. One of the first temperance societies of modern times selected Christopher as its patron saint—the Order of St. Christopher, which was very active in Syria, Carinthia and Carniola.

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Was alway from brother the definition of the day, but complains that in that country people lack the reading habit and have lost a taste for good books. There can be no doubt that this discussion of the example, education covers but eight hours, for example, education covers but eight hours, for the house has drawn have lost a taste for good books. There can be no doubt that this discontinent, but is pretty generally distributed over the whole world. The trend of these modern times is concerned with how to work and only the house of the home has drawn people away from the old fashioned while seeking pleasant recreation with books. For one person today who sits at home and reads, there are thousands who go to the movies, the dance, or the various other forms of amusement to the detribute of the two education is of the two education is of the important question of the sempton doubt. The trend of these modern times is concerned with how to work and only the house of the important question of the sempton doubt. The trend of these modern times is concerned with how to work

and His love, and then on their part their desire and longing for Him and wholehearted response to His graces grew more and more.

Mass and Holy Communion must not become matters of custom and habit, and there is here a great danger, especially for the young and thoughtless. But they must be so prepared for and longed for each day, that this love of receiving our divine Lord may be intensified each time. We are humbled, when we think of the devotion of the saints that we read of. How St. Gerard, a mere little boy, longed so for his Lord that St. Michael the Archangel brought him his first Communion. How the Sacred Host left the altra and came of itself to St. Catherine of Siena at the end of the church. Each time at Holy Communion let us try to learn to be more devout. And thus we shall come to be prepared for that last and final visit,

voiced for all time the requirements voiced for all time the requirements that the Church expects in her members. "I want an intelligent, well instructed laity," he says in his Present Position of Catholics. "I am not denying you are such already, but I mean to be severer, and as some would say, exorbitant in my demands. I wish you to enlarge your knowledge, to cultivate your your knowledge, to cultivate your reason, to get an insight into the relation of truth to truth, to learn to view things as they are, to under-stand how faith and reason stand to each other, what are the bases or principles of Catholicism."

Good books are patient instruct-ors. An ardent book collector of the fourteenth century, Richard de Bury, who in life surrounded himself with books, calls them "masters who instruct without rod or ferrule, without angry words, without clothes or money. If you come to them, they are not asleep, if you ask or anguire of them they do not withdraw themselves; they do not chide if you make mistakes, they do not laugh at you if you are ignorant. O books who alone are liberal and free, who give to all who ask of you and enfranchise all who serve you faithfully."

The Pastoral Letter of the Ameri-The rastoral Letter of the American Bishops published two years ago declares that "in recent times and notably during the past three decades, there has been a gratifying increase in the number of Catholic authors, and their activity has been prolific of good results. By the simple process of telling the truth about our faith and its practice. about our faith and its practice, they have removed to a considerable extent, those prejudices, and errone-ous views which so often hinder even fair minded thinkers from understanding our position. As so much had been accomplished by individual writers in this and other countries, it was wisely thought that even greater benefit would accrue from their co-operation. The realization of this idea in the Cathlic Encyclopedia has given a monumental work, and opened to all enquirers a storehouse of informa-tion regarding the Church, its his-

There are those who imagine that a life of holiness consists of days spent in prayer and mortification, that priests and nuns only can be oly, that one must achieve extramissionary in foreign fields, become a martyr at the stake, that saints do not eat and drink, barter and work in factories, sit in a banker's chair, marry and give in marriage, as ordinary mortals do. There cannot, of course, be a more egregious mistake. Holiness consists in doing ordinary things extra-ordinarily well. No life was more ordinary than that of Our Lady at Nazareth, none more commonplace than that of St. Joseph at the carpenter's bench; could any have been more holy? To attend to the things that Divine Providence ordains, and because it is thus ordained, even though they amount to nothing but days of drudgery, that is holiness. -Father Lasance.

REAL EDUCATION IS NEED OF HOUR

MGR. GLENNON POINTS OUT WHY RELIGION IN SCHOOL TRAINING IS NEEDED BY NATION

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ganda, prejudices, to the collection of taxes, the fixing of curricula in the schools, and at the end there is always a feeling of dissatisfaction;

"There is a strange inconsistency There is a strange inconsistency in the public mind in regard to religious teaching and training in the schools. It is this: that while most thinking people who have at heart the welfare of the home, of society, of the national conscience see the need of religious education. see the need of religious education, after admitting the necessity they oppose putting the theory into practice, as in the application made of it in our Catholic schools

CATHOLICS WHO DO NOT UNDERSTAND

"Again, there are some of our own people who do not fully understand the place that religion has in the Catholic school. They may send their children because the Catholic school is the best, the safest for school is the best, the safest for guarding the children from what is offensive, but they will say that 'too much religion' is not a good thing today, for what is needed now in the world is success, progress in business and in society. 'You are teaching the children religion, but there will always be time enough for that 'they say.

"People ask what religion has to

"People ask what religion has to do with the other studies necessary for success in life, but all are intended to develop the whole man, the soul as well as the body and the mind. Mathematics, for instance, the science of numbers, teaches ordinary things, be for instance a truth and truth in all its forms is the soul's objective,

There are Catholics who say they must be careful not to have too much religion, for in business good Catholics are opposed. This idea is overworked. If Catholics fail in business, many more non-Catholics fail; something is wrong with the business when a man must sacrifice is one in faith in order to have success."

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The newly-professed became convert three years ago, and shortly after her reception into the Church tested her vocation in the Carmelite

The convent at which the profession took place is the thirteenth branch house founded from a single mother house in London.

PLAN TO LINK IRELAND WITH OTHER COUNTRIES BY AIR MAIL SERVICE

With more settled conditions in Ireland plans are again being discussed for linking up London by air with Belfast, Dublin and Cork. The scheme is receiving every support from the British Air Ministry, the Free State Air Service and the Belfast Government. An air line free from the British for the Belfast Government. fast Government. An air line from Edinburgh and Glasgow to Dublin and Belfast is also being considered.

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