

# The QUIET HOUR.

MASS BEFORE DAWN FOR CHICAGO NIGHT WORKERS.

(Chicago Inter-Ocean of Sept. 9.)

For the first time in the history of the Catholic Church in the West regular Sunday services will be held and mass celebrated before dawn for the night workers, beginning Sunday, Oct. 1st.

Permission was granted yesterday to the Very Rev. P. O'Callaghan, C. S. P., superior of the Paulist Fathers in Chicago, by Archbishop Quigley, who received permission from Rome to hold this special service for night workers every Sunday in the year in St. Mary's Church, Wabash avenue and Eldredge place, at 3 a.m., or earlier if the time is found unsuitable to the majority of night workers.

Chicago is now the second city in the world that enjoys the privilege of Sunday services for night workers, New York being the first city to receive permission, through the Paulist Fathers, who conduct night services there for newspaper workers. The permission must be procured from Rome by the metropolitan of the diocese.

For nearly two decades Catholic workers in the downtown districts have been urging the necessity of Sunday services for the night workers, comprising a vast army of newspaper men, theatrical, hotel and restaurant folk, whose labors cease between the hours of 1 and 4 a.m.

As the first services are not usually held before six o'clock in the morning, this necessitates the worker losing a few hours' extra sleep or taking only a few hours' rest before attending the last service held in his church.

The first service of the kind was held by the Paulist Fathers in St. Mary's Church, Christmas morning, 1903, and it was attended by such a large congregation that it was decided to make it a permanent Sunday service as soon as the necessary authority could be received from Rome.

A meeting of night workers in the newspaper offices, hotels, and theatres will be called next week by the Paulist Fathers for the purpose of arranging the hour for mass that will be the most convenient to the majority of them.

## WHAT THE CATHOLIC PAPER DOES.

Father Hudson says: A devoted parish priest of our acquaintance declares he finds his ablest assistant in the Catholic periodical circulating in his parish, and considers it an obligation to promote its circulation. A Catholic journal worthy of the name is an educator in sound opinions of all sorts, a guide, a mentor, a stimulator, a reflector of Catholic faith. The effect of its reading is to make Catholics proud of their religion, zealous for its progress, earnest in their endeavors to live up to its teachings.

## IN THE SISTINE CHAPEL.

A private letter from Rome, published in The Western Watchman, contains the following description of an impressive ceremony in the famous Sistine Chapel, at the Vatican, as witnessed by the writer:

In the first flush of my enthusiasm I write to tell you of the glorious music we heard yesterday at the anniversary Requiem for Pope Leo XIII. Only a limited number of tickets were given, and we were fortunate enough to be among the "favored few." Arriving at the Vatican, we found the Swiss Guard doubled in number. We passed on from one to the other with our invitations as passports. At the given time they gave the word and every one was allowed to pass up the stairs, which number four flights before reaching the ante-room of the Sistine Chapel, where we passed

through a line of soldiers in the brilliant uniform designed long ago by Michael Angelo.

We were shown to fine seats, and in a few minutes the different cardinals with their attendants began to arrive; real princes of the Church they were in their magnificent robes, but shining out and above all was the intellectual beauty of their patrician faces. Cardinal Rampolla was there in all his glory, a king among them. Cardinal Satolli, a slender figure, all soul. Ambassadors glistening in brilliant uniforms, footmen looking like Walter Raleighs in knee breeches, velvet coats, deep lace collars, and stiff ruffs around their necks, and from gold chains hung from the crest of the Vatican, viz.: the tiara and crossed keys of Peter; Knights of Malta, in white and scarlet, from their shoulders hung long circular velvet cloaks, bearing on the left side a great Maltese cross of white.

When all were assembled, the door of the sanctuary opened. A cardinal and priests, vested in black and gold, entered, passing the guard with shining silver helmet, who never left his post during the ceremony. A few moments more of silence and the door again opened. A cross-bearer, carrying a golden cross, came, followed by monsignori, etc., and last of all came His Holiness, magnificent in his rich robes of office, a picture of saintliness and humility, who seemed bowed down with the greatness of his office. Over his robe of white he wore a scarlet cope weighted with gold, on his head a silver mitre, which being removed, showed the snowy skull cap, as white as his hair. Four train-bearers carried the mighty length of silk, velvet and gold. After kneeling a few minutes before the altar, he mounted the red throne and then we all knelt to the only King we acknowledge on earth.

The scene was one of most superb splendor. A glorious chapel filled with regal color, princes of the Church and earth gathered beneath a canopy of Michael Angelo's Prophets and Sybils, the walls one unending fresco, and above the collected brightness the unrivaled Sistine choir, led by the youthful Perosi. Never again, perhaps, shall we hear such strains till we pass beyond the eternal gates. The "Dies Irae" was so great that I could have cried aloud. The verse "Rex Tremendae Majestatis," burst out after a minute's pause with gigantic volume. The boy sopranos, like angels, called to judgment, and the great rolling basses followed like the moaning winds, that perhaps shall sigh like that on the last day because their task is over.

"Salve me Fons pietatis" came from all soft and pleading like children might sing to a Merciful Father. Perosi part of the time sang with them, and at the close, resting his eyes on the beautiful ceiling, smiled like an angel as he listened to the wonderful voices he swayed by his magic baton. No organ, no accompaniment, only voices, great, deep ones, silver tenors and the golden voices of the sweet-faced little boys who seemed too young almost to read the music.

After Mass a catalogue covered with gold cloth was carried to the middle of the chapel, and the Pope, in a sweet, strong voice, sang the blessing, etc., and then was sung the "Liberia," that beautiful cry of mercy in an exquisite setting. When all was over we came down and out in silence. Meeting cardinals, ambassadors and all the grandees face to face failed to rouse us. We had been so near heaven, earth was still far away. We left Rome and came to Florence. Still I close my eyes and listen, before it grows too faint in my memory, to the wonderful music I would keep with me forever.

## RESTLESS CATHOLICS.

Although our last mass, during the summer season, is a short service, without a sermon, a number of persons of both sexes and all ages hurry away without waiting for benediction, says the Columbian. These fugitives are principally young men who cling to the rear of the church. Have they any proper reverence for the blessed sacrament and comprehension of its blessing? Some of them may have a valid excuse for retirement, but surely most of them could wait for ten minutes or a quarter of an hour longer. The pastors, I understand, have despaired of correcting this scandal, by admonition from the altar and regretfully tolerate what apparently cannot be cured. I apprehend that if it were not obligatory, many of our people would not even go to mass on Sunday, especially if the weather were warm. Well, I suppose we must take them as we find them; but they need some scolding, as we all do, now and then. Our natural disposition is at war with our spiritual faculties, and the necessity of conquering the flesh remains, in order not to be conquered by it.

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Rev. Father Strubbe is in the Hotel Dieu, Montreal, on the advice of his physicians, who recommend rest and medical treatment. The illness is not of a serious nature.

## Appreciation of the Japanese

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## BOOK REVIEW

### QUESTIONS OF THE DAY.

Very Rev. Alex. MacDonald, D.D., V.G. of Antigonish, has given to the public one more of his scholarly and profoundly interesting works. "Questions of the Day" embraces chapters dealing with Thoughts on the Biblical Question, The Virgin Birth, Mary Ever a Virgin, and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, every title of which is a synonym for an ever burning question. The standing of the author as one of the greatest theologians of the day, stamps the work with the seal of authority and the philosophy of thought which it embodies is clothed in the scholarly language of simplicity. The latest volume replete as it is with erudition and irrefutable argument, is one of a series of which The Symbol of the Apostles, The Symbol in Sermons, and The Sacrifice of the Mass are others, which place the author amongst those leaders of the day who throw a luminous searchlight upon the dark places of irreligion and doubt and who leaves the advocates of higher criticism stranded and without support upon the shifting sands of a shiftless sea. The book bears the imprimatur of his Lordship The Bishop of Antigonish, and is published by the Christian Press Association Publishing Company, 26 Barclay street, New York.

### LIGHT FOR NEW TIMES.

A very readable book and one containing much practical and useful advice and instruction is "Light for New Times," a work written in the interest of girls and young women, by one who has evidently given her subject much thought and who has in view the practical side of this life, while at the same time always keeping in view the eternal life to come. Margaret Fletcher, Oxford, England.

is the author, and the book has a very commendatory preface by W. D. Strappini, S.J. Published by Benziger Brothers, New York, Cincinnati and Chicago; price 60 cents.

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Rest, my little friend, rest Within your bed of clay; Death has snatched you from our home, And taken your life away. But God's holy will be done.

Thou wert a sweet and winning friend And wise beyond your years; Thy father's pride, thy mother's joy, For thee, fast fall our tears.

Peaceful be thy silent slumber, Peaceful in thy grave so low, Thou no more will join our number, Thou no more our sorrow know.

Yet again we hope to meet thee, When the day of life is fled, And in Heaven with joy to greet thee Where no more farewell tears are shed.

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