

FIVE-MINUTE SERMON

SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE ASCENSION

HYPOCRISY

"The hour cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think he doth a service to God." (John xvi, 2)

The Jews, under pretense of zeal for the service of God, drove the disciples from the temple, persecuted them and endeavored to put them to death.

Our Saviour censured the Scribes and Pharisees more severely for their hypocrisy than for any other of their faults.

He warned His disciples repeatedly: "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy."

He also warned them of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. (St. Luke xi, 16, 20, 29, 37, 39, 40, 41, 42, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100)

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites; because you are like to whitened sepulchers, which outwardly appear to be beautiful, but within are full of dead men's bones and of all filthiness.

But, besides the children of the household of faith, countless numbers outside of them, in every age, have revered and respected the Pope and have honored him for his great and grand personality, and the great good he was to all as a promoter of all that was good for the human family and the exemplar of all that was noble and beautiful in Christian life.

As much as the faithful laity of the Church love the Holy Father, the clergy, the shepherds of the people, love him still more.

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The union thus existing is the realization of Christ's prayer over the apostles—praying that they be one as He and His heavenly Father are one.

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Another man of this sort was King Herod, who asked the Lord to be buried in his tomb when the Holy Child was found, so that he might go and adore, while his real purpose was to murder.

My dear friends! Are there not many Christians who follow in the footsteps of this hypocrite, who conceal a corrupt heart under the mantle of justice and virtue?

Are there not many who manage to pass as just and honest, but in truth deal dishonestly with their neighbors at every opportunity?

Are there not others who display greatness for the greater honor of God, but only to be praised by others for zeal, and who secretly are vain, selfish and hard-hearted?

This is hypocrisy and all their zeal and all their good works will avail them nothing, if they do not become humble, contrite and free from sin.

My dear Christians, guard yourselves against hypocrisy. Do not pretend to be virtuous in order to deceive others.

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You may succeed in deceiving your neighbors by shamming virtue, but remember, you can not and will not succeed in deceiving God.

He will not judge according to appearances, but according to the truth. At His judgment seat "The hope of the hypocrite shall perish" (Job vii, 13). The mask will be revealed.

Let us therefore walk conscientiously in the way of the commandments and let us be good Christians not only outwardly, but with our whole heart and soul, for "he that walketh uprightly shall be saved" (Prov. xxviii, 18). Amen.

THE PAPACY AND PIUS X.

The papacy was established by Christ Himself. Peter was the first Pope, for Christ placed him at the head of His apostles and said He would have a special care over Peter and give to him the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Church is Christ's kingdom on earth, and the Pope is its ruler. The Church has authority, infallibility and indefectibility, established as it has been by Christ, the Son of God, and all these attributes it has inherited into the papacy.

Thus every successive Pope rules in His name, just the same as if Christ Himself was still living on earth and ruling as He did when He established the Church in Peter, as in the time of the apostles.

The Popes, from Peter's day down to this, have been the fathers and friends of the human family, and the saviors and preservers of society.

They have sown the seeds of divine faith and have been the founders and promoters of learning, knowledge, science and art.

They were especially fathers to the poor and needy, the afflicted and suffering and alleviated the ills of all with unstinted generosity—both in money and labor.

People of every age and every class and condition have loved and honored the Pope, because of what he was among them. These of the household of the faith naturally would be expected to revere and love him.

They do, for to them he is the great high priest, the Vicar of Christ, the Divine High Priest, and as such he is the connecting link between heaven and earth, the summus pontifex, or greater bridge, in the designs of God, over which mankind is to pass in order to reach the promised land of heaven.

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cardinal and finally, in the chair of Peter—the beloved ruler of 300,000,000 of men. He has had his sorrows, he has had his joys and he will triumph over all who oppose him, for the Lord is with him. He has been hardly eight years Pope and yet has added largely to history. He is fearless when there is a question of the Church's rights, because he is conscious of his responsibility to God for the trust committed to him.

Thus he resisted the encroachments of the infidel legislators of France and freed the bishops and priests from state interference; he condemned modernism and excommunicated its non-conforming teachers; he has introduced a universal system of marriage laws; he has ordered a codification of the Church's laws and decrees for their easier application; he is having prepared a revision of the scriptures; he has commended that the catechism be taught to the people, old and young, for the better understanding of the faith; he has reformed Church music; he has promoted frequent and even daily communion and finally, he has commended that the little ones, the lambs of the fold, be admitted to receive it from their earliest childhood, in order to build up in the first the kingdom of God in their hearts.

That the bishops and priests of the United States love Pius X. goes without saying. They are trained to reverence and obey all ecclesiastical superiors—especially the Pope, the one great superior of all. The people have followed their pastors. Both love the Pope with love befitting his exalted station.

Pius X. was so much loved in the United States. The papacy will live till the end of time. Long live our present Holy Father—Bishop Colton in Buffalo Union and Times.

ANTI-CHRISTIANISM

The Christian world has been shocked at the open expressions of hostility to Christianity in the press of the European countries. American Christians, too, must be very careful of the newspapers which fall into their hands. A Sunday paper in Boston prints a long article, the first sentence of which contains the phrase: "I believe that Christianity thus modern civilization are opposed and irreconcilable."

It is true the writer, an Indian, Dr. Charles A. Eastman, a graduate of Knox College in Illinois, only blurted out explicitly the sentiment that so many have been teaching elsewhere in euphemistic terms and under the cover of a rationalistic parody of religion. Still the fact remains that these open and concealed attacks upon Christianity are growing more and more frequent and bold from day to day, and it is fast becoming evident that a protest more than a mere general reproach will have to be made. It is indeed desolating to reflect that these articles are instilled into the minds of young and uneducated, unformed, and sensitive.

The boldness of the idea is furthered by the utter absence of fact in its discussion. The Indian is declared the superior in moral and religion of the civilized Christian, and it is also a fact that the Indian is a more advanced civilization than the Christian of the present day.

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