#### FIVE MINUTE SERMON

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WHY MANY ARE NOT SAVED

no man who believes in Him be lost, but may gain eternal life. When the Son of God came into this world, He gave to mankind the precepts and teachings which men need to obtain salvation. He atoned on the Cross for the sins of all mankind, and obtained for them the friendship of God. Then He went back to heaven to prepare mansions for all of us in the heavenly house of His Father? Therefore all men can be saved; but the image and likeness of an archvill all men be saved? Alas! dear angel mined. Brethren, to this question we must answer no! Many are called but few are chosen. All might be saved, but many will not be saved because they do not believe in the Son of and he who of his own fauls believeth not is already judged. Again, many who do believe do not lead a life in accordance with their belief, and faith without works is an unavailing faith, a dead faith.

This reason, why many will not be saved, was pointed out by our Divine Saviour in the parable of today's Gospel, especially in the example of man who appears without a wadding garment.

(1) Who is referred to in the example of the man without a sain life the body should be fairer wedding garment? He who professes the Christian faith yet leads would be found in the apt union of an unChristian life. Dear Brethren, when the Jewish people contemptuously rejected the invitation to the kingdom of God, the Apostles went among the Samaritans and heathens, and offered to them the been which the hard hearted Jews refused to This is in the parable of today's Gospel the meaning of the words," Then the King said to his servants : 'The marriage is indeed ready, but they who were invited outward form. In literature, too, were not worthy, go therefore into the highways, and as many as you shall find call to the marriage." And in fact, the invitation was gladly received by heathens and Samaritans. Many thousands of people in various parts of the world accepted the Christian faith, and it was not long before the feremost nations had joined the community of the Catholic Caurch; a fact told in the Gospel in the words, "The servants going forth into the ways gathered together all they found, both good and bad, and the marriage was filled with gueste. (2) Among the heathers, however,

who accepted the Christian faith, there were unfortunately such who were not worthy of joining the Christian community, many of them retained their pagan customs and habits, and, although professedly Christians, they practically remained pagans. My dear brethren, there are our own day many of those born and brought up in the Christian faith, who are not worthy of the Christian name, because the faith they profess with their mouths, they denounce by their svil conduct; they scandalously soil—by their bad lives -the garment of sanctifying grace

(3) What will be the fate of such unworthy Christians? Their fate is plainly described in the Gospel in the words, "When the King went in to see the guests, he saw there a man who had not on a wedding garment, and the sayeth to him: 'Friend, how camest thou in here, the large of the same of unworthy Christians? Their fate not having on a wedding garment?" And he was silent. Then the King said to the waiters, "bind his hands and feet and cast him into exterior darkness, there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Do you under-stand these words, my brethren. Do you know what they mean? Alas! they express only too plainly the fase of the Christian who leads a non-Christian life. At the hour of his death, the Lord will come and will say to him: "Thou hast been a Christian, why then didst thou lead a non-Christian and sinful life?" What will the peor man have to answer? He will be silent. Then will he hear the terrible sentence, "Cast him into the exterior darkness, there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Deer bretteren, are we, too, in danger of this terrible sentence? I greatly fear that some Do you know what they mean? sentence? I greatly fear that some severity. of you may incur such danger; some

pity.-Cardinal Mercier.

#### BODY AND SOUL OF LITERATURE

The beauty of the body is not identical with the beauty of the soul. The exterior may be fair to the eye, beautiful in the grace and symmetry of its parts; it may image for us the Dear brethren: God desires that all men be saved; hence He sent His own Divine Sen down upon earth that the world may be saved, that the world may be saved, that the corruption" may be "corruption" may be corruption may be corruption. corruption" may be "mining all within." The body for all its attract-"mining all iveness may be as a magnificent sepulcher, in which dead men's bones are rotting, even as the form and carriage and every bodily movement of the prodigal, in the beydey of his riotousness, may have shown forth beauty, while moral deformity and corruption worse, far worse, than the decay of the lily, were di figuring his soul and swiftly transforming it into

> There is a body and a soul in liter ture. The thoughts that the essayist would communicate to his reader, the emotion that the poet would awaken in the hearts of others, the motives, the principles and the ideals that control the actions of the hero in the novel or the drama, and which, as we suppose, the novelist or dramatist would have us approve, these constitute the soul of literature. Felicity of expression, richness of imagery and tasteful discrimination in selection, in a word all that makes for adequate and artistic expression of thought and feeling, is the body.

Is it impossible that in literature would be found in the apt union of high moral excellence and physical beauty. In life we have had such an ideal union, in Him who combined the sanctity of the Godhead with a fairness that made Him "beautiful beyond the children of men." In a far lower, though still a high degree many of His followers have by His favor possessed a body whose natural beauty was enhanced by the beauty of the soul that was reflected in the we have in the best works of the great masters, if not the ideal at least a close approach to the ideal union of a beautiful soul and a beautiful body. But the two are by no means dissociable. Contemporary literature often presents a body that is fair to gaze upon; but how often is not that body like a whitened sepulcher? So it is when the thought of the essay is as false as the philosophy of which it is a partial exposition; or when the emotion of the poem and the principles advocated in the drama are such as no self-respecting pagan, let alone a Christian and a Catholic, could bring himself to extol or openly avow. Are we likely to behold in this generation or the next a greater than Shakespeare at his best, or even his peer; an essayist that will rival the acknowledged masters of the past; a novelist that will challenge comparison with the author a post that Dante himself might envy and sin not ?-

## THE PEARL OF PARAY

It is part of the character of the and innocence which they received Saint of Paray to stand aside in the in holy baptism; and Christians of shadow until the great devotion of this sort are no better than heathens. which she was the apostle had spread These are the ones that we must over the entire world; until the see in the man in the Gospel who noble basilica, its universal monucame to the marriage without a ment, was completed, and Incarnate came to the marriage wishout a wedding garment. Such unworthy Christians presume a membership in God's Church for which their sins Papal decree to little ones and all the control of the rld as daily Bread: for the "Pascendi Gregis" of Pius X. is the

The ways of Christ with His hidden favorities are as varied as their own characters and history. With Magdalen and the beautiful coul of dalen and the beautiful coul of Cortona, He is gentle, Ignorance of divine law and truth Margaret of Cortona, He is gentle, Ignorance of divine law and truth careful, exquisitely delicate. He shields them from the least wound, given to the average individual

The zeal of the Apostolic age, the Christians are leading a life that heroism of the catacombs, the inten-will call forth this terrible sentence. Take counsel, my brethren, while the childlike faith and fervor which there is time. A Christian who leads lived and blossomed into sanctity in lived and blossomed into sanctity in the props that make human exist-the stormy Middle Ages had been ence possible. If there is no divine a non-Christian life, who appears the stormy Middle Ages had been after his death before God without succeeded by the poison of the after his death before God without the wedding garment of a righteous life, burdened with mortal sin, will surely receive this sentence. Our Lord Jesus Christ tells us so in today's Gospel. May the gravious God preserve us all from this awful fate. Amen.

BE PROUD OF YOUR FAITH

It is well to be proud of your faith, but do not imitate the Phasises who boasted that he was not like other men, and leoked upon the poor publican on whom the God of mercy took pity.—Cardinal Mercier.

Bucceeded by the poison of the Reform moral law which makes civilization at working proposition, the social structure will be built upon the saud of passion and self-interest instead of upon the rock of the passion. Indifference is the one and the substance of the great Plaint—that His is general: of the great Demand—that His oreatures whom He has lightly of sin, tolerate evil and condone what is intrinsically opposed to the highest welfare of humanity.

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It must be confessed the working proposition, the social structure will be built upon the saud of passion and self-interest instead to ver: it is what breaks his heart. This is the substance of the great Plaint—that His is ignored; of the great Demand—that His oreatures whom He has so called "churckes" of Protestant its does depend on religion, and the countries of the Renaissance, the chill of the Reform.

It is well to be proud of your faith, bearable its do does not self-interest in the donation of the note in the second of the moral law which makes civilization at working proposition, the social structure will be built upon the saud of passion and self-interest insult to the lover: it is to condone what is intrinsically oppos

same Almighty desire for man's love.

The essential meaning of the Divine request is that Christ may, by our own volition and conduct, be inside our life—all life—not just that of the cloistered and consecrated, but of every condition of humanity. He of the cloistered and consecrated, but of every condition of humanity. He came not to destroy but to vivify. Laughter and joy and human love are His as well as tears; a child is as near Him in his game as in his study, because of the deep bond between them. He begs to be shut out of nothing that belongs to the innocent life of His creature—not as restraint, but as inspiration, stimulus and repose. He is the divinely Adaptable Ons, but he is something more: He is the Inexhaustible Lover. It was St. Margaret Mary's Mission to make "L'unique Amour de son Ame" of the Supreme Sacrifice of the Altar, the great act of worship in the Christian Church, the modern man sees only a City of Confusion in Protestantism and hears a Babel of contradictory voices, among them even bishops denying the essentials of Christian. Smith decides to play golf or take an auto ride instead of going to church on Sunday?

As Hilaire Belloc says so powerfully, Europe and America and the was St. Margaret Mary's Mission to make "L'unique Amour de son Ame" ours. Gloriously has it prospered. It is for each of us to see it sixty. Catholic World.

HARMONY AMONG EMPLOYEES NECESSARY TO PIANO PRODUCTION

It is a recognized fact that the temperament of an artist, a writer, composer or a sculptor, shows tself to a marked degree in his proluctions. A mood has often produc masterpiece, as has also a burst of emper, a stab of sorrow, or the dawning of a love; and as often these things have wrecked what might have otherwise been a master-

Does mental condition play as great a part in every day production for instance, does the butter-maker nake good butter one day, inferior nother because he is not in the right mood"—does the baker make good bread to-day, not so good tonorrow because he does not "feel

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#### APOSTACY FROM GOD

The general trend of modern ociety is toward irreligion and paganism, according to many keen observers of the spirit of our own times. Especially is this true in Protestant circles where the innumerable sects which have rent the seamless robe of Christ, have created religious anarchy and spiritual indifference among the masses who are infected with radicalism of various brands. In many countries today most of the men are practically atheists. They do not deny God outright but they ignore His Presence. They are what is called vincibly ignorent of divine and supernatural truths. Their minds are turned away from God, Christian truth and moral law. aterial and worldly via of life. They follow a false philosophy of carpal wisdom and fall into error and sin. They obey their own sweet wills and serve the world, the flesh and the devil, netead of listening to the voice of

the living God. Grave peril lurks in this attitude of modern man towards God in in their own souls as well as causing

confusion and unrest in the world People do not stop to think that by ignoring the Creator and Author of their lives they are kicking away command and sanction behind the

through the Old Testament runs the religious anarchy that characterizes

HOPELESS

It is for each of us to see its intimate consummation — L. Wheaton, in of blood before the vials of God's wrath are turned loose on a sintul and perverse generation. Many people today are running after every kind of novelty and fad in religion which shows after all that they are incurably religious at heart, but must be led to the Way, the Truth and the Life, which is the wisdom of Christ. If they do not go to church, they are going to mediums, attending esoteric lectures and trying out the latest cults in their curious desire to seek after God in

their own blind way. make a stronger appeal to these seekers after God, religious truth and the laws of morality? One reason may be that Catholics are too reficent and complacent and wait for souls to come to the house of God. The Church of Christ is as a city seated on a mountain and her light shines for all. But somehow women folks, then we promptly and old truths pall on the minds of rightfully so, forget all those charges people. Human nature is strange and seeks after new things. People time. The United States Constituare curious about a hairy comet that appears in the sky and signifies nothing, but never interest themselves in the great sun in the heavens that gives light, heat, life and heaving the certified in the certifi and beauty to the earth. If we had only half the zeal of those fighting against God and His Church, myriads of souls wandering in confusion and darkness would be brought to the knowledge of God easily proved. We do not believe and obedience to His laws through and obedience to His laws through loving service in His Kingdom on earth .- The Monitor.

#### UNSOLICITED TESTIMONY

The efforts of fanatics to fan the flame of bigotry meets with opposition from unexpected quarters. The unhealthy notoriety in recent years from the vituperations of anti-Catho-

in politics. cerned, it is hardly necessary to take
a stand. Catholics and Protestants

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social and business structure of this town, that the matter of man to man and of friend to friend is a much more substantial affair than the hazy reference to great and hidden Why does not the Catholic Church | mysteries. When these men whom we know so well we can almost read their inner thoughts before they are expressed, tell us upon their solemn honor as brother to brother that there is nothing in their Knights of Columbus obligation that could be in the least objectionable to Ameri tion gives to every man the right to worship at whatever altar he desires. As to Catholics pledging themselves to the Pope in politics, the man who occupies the Vatican has no more to do with the politics and ambitions of Macon Catholics, and of any other that we know than Mr. Harding has with the politics of Democratic Catholice. These are facts that can be of men who are this year attacking the Catholic Church in Georgia will delude the sauely thinking people of the State nor affect in the least the excellent relations that exist between Georgia Catholics and the people of other faiths."

That there should be occasional outbursts of religious bigotry in this country is no cause for wonder. Such has been the history of the State of Georgia has received much Church in all ages. "They have unhealthy notoriety in recent years persecuted Me, they will persecute you" was the substance of the warnlic writers. But the State of Georgia ing handed down by Christ to His is not made up wholly of men whose chief purpose in life is to distort hismen who are willing to rise to power tory and misrepresent the religious upon the religious issue in politics is convictions of their Catholic fellow no more surprising than there should citizens. The editor of the Macon Be politicians willing to betray their Telegraph is the latest non Catholic trust for gold. But religious bigotry of Georgia to rise in protest against has been an unprofitable and inadsuch mischievous propaganda as the visable medium in politics. For the bogus Knights of Columbus oath and sense of fair play that distinguishes the alleged interference of the Pope American citizens generally the appeal to prejudice that is manu-"We do not belong to the Catholic Church," he says, "but we are no more afraid to give vent to the truth than Tom Watson is to distort it. As far as the city of Macon is concerned, it is hardly reseasely to the Macon Talevanh will set the editor of the more distinct to the concerned it is hardly reseasely to the Macon Talevanh will reject to related the month of the control of the manual relationship.

It is infinitely better to have an intense yearning for moral excel-lence than for intellectual eminance: there is no question of it. Nearly all our failures come from lack of merality, lack of virtue, lack of power. The highest kind of power is moral power. I know that intellectual power does miracles, but in the end moral power is the supreme power.—Bishop Spalding.

Whenever we think of our vileness, we recognize our unworthiness of Ged's favors, and each time we pay Him the value of benefits received .- St. Gertrude.

O Queen of Heaven and Earth! the world would perish before thou couldst refuse assistance to one who invokes thee from his heart .- Bl. Henry Suso.



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