

MISSION OF TRUE CATHOLIC MOTHERHOOD

IT IS TO BE THE CENTER OF THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY AND THE PIVOT OF THE LIVES OF THE CHILDREN ENTRUSTED TO HER BY GOD

One of the most disastrous effects of modern conditions of life has been the disappearance of the home, properly so called, and the consequent deviation of the mother from her true place, which is the center of the family and the pivot of her children's lives.

The standard of civilization, says the Ave Maria, is everywhere judged by the home, and the nucleus of the home in every race and clime is indisputably the mother. The trend of Socialism is to separate the child from the mother and hand him over to the State; and reason must have reached a very low ebb when the women of to-day when they listen unmoved to theories that would, if realized, rob them of their highest prerogatives.

MOTHERS SHOULD CHECK DRIFT TO BARBARISM

It should be remembered that the greatest leaders and profoundest thinkers were formed in the quiet sanctity of the perfect home. When life was not frittered between travel and the theater; when, instead of a host of acquaintances, one had a few friends, interests fostered and shared were more intense. There were time and capacity for enjoyment of the purer, deeper springs of thought, and home was indeed a haven of love and rest.

RESPONSIBILITY OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

With every barrier removed that guards the home, the position of woman and child reverts to what it was before Christianity elevated it in the holy sacrament of matrimony—the only safeguard of the family. With Socialism's appalling menace so close and so persistent, there is no excuse for any mother, but more particularly for the Catholic mother, to live in apathy or indifference.

SPIRIT OF CHARITY PERMEATES HER ACTS

The spirit of charity permeates the Catholic mother's acts. Her motherhood extends beyond her immediate own, not only to the motherless lads in her neighborhood, but wherever the missionary flag attracts her attention. Her views are large, bounded by neither ocean nor continent; her goals are high; for she is part of a whole, a unit of one vast aggregation held together by supernatural ties.

The cost of the decorating and the lighting system was approximately \$10,000. The lighting will cost about \$1,200.



Her spiritual development will be richer as her little ones are trained in devotion and loyalty to the grandest cause the world can boast. Their fighting instincts can be turned against the degraders of humanity; their sweetness and gentleness can be fostered to enhance virtue and spread comradeship.

MISSION OF THE CATHOLIC MOTHER

Here is the mission for the Catholic mother, and it demands all the time and intelligence she can give it. She will soon learn that there is no greater joy than that found in the moulding of hearts and minds to fit the best that life can offer. Be it hers to point out the evil checked, the good achieved, in the constant struggle renewed each day between the world and the Church of Christ. Her motherhood can never become obsolete while she is the rallying center for children and grandchildren—the guardian of an eternal relationship which death is unable to overthrow.

When mothers are superficial, society will be vile. She who leaves immortal life outside her combinations for her sons prosperity, is slack in love and undermines her own pedestal. With the acknowledgment of her incompetency to deal with anything affecting his future destiny, she deliberately abandons him to worldly influence and atheistic propaganda.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BERLIN

The interior of St. Mary's Catholic church is now resplendent in its new decorations on Sunday morning the members of the congregation were given their first opportunity to view the finished work of the artists and decorators who have been engaged there since the middle of January.

In the early part of the year it was decided to paint and decorate the white walls of the church. To Mario Panzieroni, an Italian expert on church decoration was assigned the task. With his three brothers he set to work in January. To reach the high walls and many crevices, large scaffolds were used.

St. Mary's congregation can now boast of the finest church in the city, and those who have seen the interior of Ontario and Quebec state with confidence that for richness and beauty of decorations there is none to surpass this Berlin house of worship.

In addition to the decorating the interior has been enhanced by a magnificent lighting system. Four large chandeliers are suspended from the top. Each chandelier contains one large globe and twelve smaller ones.

Liberal contributions were received from the church members to defray the cost of these improvements. Subscriptions ranged from \$1,000 to \$1.

Rev. Father Spetz, the pastor of St. Mary's is highly pleased with the interior and commends the artist Panzieroni. On Sunday it was announced that the formal opening of the newly decorated church would take place on May 18th.

PROTESTANT HISTORIAN

DR. GAIRDNER HAS TOLD THE TRUTH ABOUT THE REFORMATION

The late Dr. James Gairdner devotes considerable space in the recently published third volume of his work "Lollardy and the Reformation in England," to an introduction, in which he explains and vindicates his position as to the religious questions which he cannot ignore.

Having been charged by some with undue tenderness towards Rome, whose cause he is said to have done, historically, rather more than justice, assures his readers that towards that Church he has never felt the least personal inclination, though he has always been anxious to understand it; and in the case of controversies which he has had to study, has usually felt that the Romanist had the better of his antagonist in point of logic.

CHRISTIANITY OR SOCIALISM

In an interview after his return to England from his tours in America, Father Bernard Vaughan, answering the question: "What about Socialism," said: "It, too, is slowly but surely gathering up its tidal forces hoping some day to sweep over the vast continent like a typhoon."

When we come to consider his exposition of his own religious views, says the Month, in a review of Dr. Gairdner's third volume—it certainly does not appear strange that these should not be found acceptable by the ordinary run of critics, though we cannot well understand how the author himself can be satisfied to follow his own line of argument no further. Fault has, for example, been found with his application of the term heretics to the Lollards and early Reformers.

The question remains. Where is the bond to be found which makes it morally unjustifiable to abandon the orthodox fold and betake one's self to another, even though this be legally permissible? Here, no doubt is the crucial point, and we cannot but think that not a few who read this book will fail to be convinced by the author's answer.

THE DOCTRINE OF PURGATORY FROM PROTESTANT PULPIT

ANCIENT BELIEF OF GOD'S CHURCH IS ONE OF HOLY COMMON SENSE, SAYS REV. H. PAGE DYER

Defense of the theory that provides between heaven and hell an intermediate state for the purging of sin-stained souls was made by Rev. H. Page Dyer in a sermon in the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Ascension yesterday. The utter injustice of a divine procedure that would provide for the repentant evil soul as quick an entrance into the land of the blessed as is accorded the spirit of the pure and godly formed the basis of Mr. Dyer's argument.

"Almost everybody," he said, "believes there is a heaven, but there is a diversity of thought as to when the saved shall reach there. Of course, it is evident that the bodies of all the saved will be reunited to their souls at the time of the resurrection, for not until then will they have risen from their graves. But what about the entrance of the souls into heaven? The Protestant belief is that every soul that does not go to hell goes to heaven at the moment of death."

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be said in future for the repose of his soul, and sermons preached, inviting prayers on his behalf. Yet doubtless there are still many who imagine Henry as a good Protestant, on whom "The Gospel light first beamed from Boleyn's eyes.—St. Paul Bulletin.

KIND WORDS

St. Ann's Church, Toronto, April 30, 1918. Editor CATHOLIC RECORD, London, Ont.

I hate a thing done by halves; if it is right, do it boldly; if it is wrong, leave it alone.—Gilpin.

Do not bear your pains through custom, and because you have become inured to them, but because our Lord is pleased to send them.

That kind of life is most happy which affords us most opportunities of gaining our own self-esteem.—Seneca.

Dear Sir,—Enclosed find my subscription. Allow me to say for my own pleasure that your paper is to very many a most pleasing vehicle of Catholic doctrine.

Wishing you continued success, I remain, THOMAS O'DONNELL, P. P.

THE DRAMATIC RENDERING OF THIS FAR-FAMED PLAY TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY, MAY 11th, IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL, TORONTO.

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