

FIVE-MINUTE SERMONS FOR EARLY MASSES

By the Paulist Fathers.

Preached in their Church of St. Paul the Apostle, Fifty-ninth street and Ninth Avenue, New York City.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT.

"Jesus, making answer, said to them: Go and relate to John what you have heard and seen."—Matt. X. 4.

In the Gospel just read, my dear brethren, we are taught a very practical and important lesson. St. John the Baptist had been thrown into prison on account of his bold denunciation of the sins of those who were then in power.

Now, in what way did our Lord reply to this question? Did he enter into a long and elaborate argument in order to show from Moses and the Prophets that He fulfilled in Himself all that they had foretold?

Now the work of bringing back man to God, which brought our Lord down from heaven and of which He made the beginning, is continued and carried on, since He left this world, by His Church, which He founded for this purpose.

If this be so, we must all see how important it is that nothing should be done by Catholics to keep men from the Church, and that everything should be done to bring them within her fold.

Can we say, my dear brethren, that this is the cause? Let us not be afraid to look at the facts as they really are. Are our lives such as to recommend to those outside that faith, in and through which all must be saved?

AN EXTRAORDINARY SERMON.

One night young Bossuet, who possessed in such eminent degree the power of eloquent speech, had gone to the brilliant Saloon of Rambouillet.

At first some were inclined to laugh, but ere long the feelings of the assembly were swayed in another direction.

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COMPANY-KEEPING.

THE DANGERS THEREIN TO YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE DUTIES OF PARENTS.

From "Marriage," by Charles W. Woods.

The class of persons who pass through a period of informal company-keeping is numerous, and includes the young boy or girl, from fifteen or sixteen, to the adults of twenty to thirty.

Company-keeping, however serious in its consequences, is often practically considered, in its nature and progress, to be the halcyon time of life, and is frequently referred to, both by the parties concerned, and by their worldly friends, as a matter for supreme levity.

With advantage they may be instructed as to the special reasons which make unchastity in a woman so deserving of the reprobation with which it is commonly visited.

Parents need not be reminded that one dangerous rock upon which so many split, is the love of dress, ornaments and finery, and the ambition to appear.

Along with this vanity is often joined an ill-regulated complacency, which regards the only sure proof of the high estimate in which the girl is held by her suitors.

Hence it is that good parents, and particularly a good mother, will lead Christian girls to understand that even society and worldly people affect certain conventionalities which have the appearance at least of preventing crime.

These conventionalities are principally: To avoid solitude; to be seen in the presence of witnesses; to observe good hours, and not to frequent disreputable places.

All that has been said on the subject of company-keeping will apply with still greater force to the case of girls who receive attentions, flattery, offers of presents, and overtures from men of great wealth, and who may in some instances be masters and employers.

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Several years ago an Italian refugee and correspondent for some Italian news papers was hiding in Paris.

But the millionaire belonged to an intolerant Masonic lodge. At first he kindly received the unhappy widow's request, and turned towards his secretary, purporting to relieve her need, when a thought struck him, and he brusquely asked: "Are you going to take him to the church?"

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"WITH BUBBLING GROAN" A FATAL SENSE OF SECURITY AWFULLY REALIZED AT SEA.

From his look out the faithful old captain of yonder merchantman cast an uneasy glance at the distant horizon.

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