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How They May Assist the Spouse of Christ.

Father Fulton, the well known Paulist, on the occasion of a foundation of a man's sodality in the Church of Our Lady of Mercy, gave utterance to some remarkable thoughts.

This cry was the effect of a well-concerted plan on the part of the enemies of the Catholic Church to destroy her, under the impression that she was nothing more than a mere human institution.

Knowing that the history of the Catholic Church has been in days gone by, we rely almost too much on the Divine protection that supported her in the past.

On these points I am not going to give you any startling news to-night. The principal thing is that they are carried on in a most quiet and orderly manner.

But, my dear friends, has the Church ceased to exist? Has that mighty institution lessened her power over the minds and hearts of men?

The children of the Church understand well that, while she uses human power, she is strengthened by power from on high.

Yet, my dear friends, while we recognize that our Holy Catholic Church is a divine institution, never without God's special help guarding her, history tells us (and it is well that we should remember the lesson history teaches) that in every exigency she has met her enemies on their own ground, and she has always defended herself according to the exigencies of the time.

In her earliest days, when her members were remarkably few in number—when her power, looked at from a merely human standpoint, seemed exceedingly weak—God in a most marvellous manner helped and sustained her.

Again, when the power of intellect was brought to bear upon the Church and an attempt was made to crush her out of existence by the pen of the philosopher, she opposed intellectual powers to her intellectual enemies.

with zeal like him, they conquered the vast infidel forces. Down to the days of the Reformation, the days that witnessed the most cruel persecution of the Church, when nation after nation went out from her, stood, as it were, in battle array against her, she combined her splendid strength of intellect, she concentrated her power.

But the enemies of the Church are not done. As long as the world lasts, and Christ is adored upon this earth, so long will there be anti-Christ. And so long as the true Christ has His followers, so long shall anti-Christ have his minions.

On Sunday, recently, a sermon was delivered by Father Kirwan, in St. Peter's, Blackburn, England, on the remembrance of the great truth of God's presence. Taking his text from the first epistle of St. Peter, 3rd chapter and 12th verse: "The eyes of the Lord are upon the just, and His ears unto their prayers, but the countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil things."

And this is what adds so much to the enormity of sin, and makes its guilt so great—that the crime should be committed in the presence of the Judge.

Should all become perfect, if we were only to walk before God remembering that His eyes are always upon us, and by remembering what the Wise man says, "that the eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the good and the evil," and that "God seeth from eternity to eternity; there is nothing hidden from His eyes."

Now, my object to-night is not to deliver a political tirade, but the Lord knows that I would be willing to speak till I could not utter another word. I say I would give my voice as a sacrifice in denouncing from every pulpit and rostrum in the land those who stand up and in merely political affairs try to crush the Catholic Church, to stab her in a vital part. They are enemies of the republic that we as Catholics have reason to call our own.

We discovered the land, we Christianized it, we colonized it, we faces we are told and yet to-day to tolerance—told that we are here on tolerance—told that we have no business here, and we fold our hands and we listen to all this, and we feel as if there were no means of redress. Let me tell you, my dear men, right here in the world, to-day, to know that while the Catholic Church cannot be destroyed by any means of which man is capable, as individuals we can be harmed, and even Catholic nations might be wiped out of existence, for God never promised that He would protect the whole Catholic Church.

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land filled with zeal for the house of God seeking to draw together the men of the Catholic Church. Let them be united in societies, in sodalities, in confraternities, that are thoroughly Catholic. We have any number of societies that have the name of being Catholic, but that are so only in name, for there is a difference. A Catholic society, thoroughly Catholic, thoroughly religious, is the kind of Catholic society we want to-day.

It is time to recognize this. I am talking to-night to an intelligent body of men and women thoroughly conversant with the literary, political and religious events of the day. Do you not think it is about time that we Catholics should understand the necessity for concentrating our forces? Politically? No! Morally? Yes! By all means. And right here by concentrating these powers in some thoroughly religious organization is it that we are to find our strength.

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this good old man was on his way from the cave in which he lived to the well or spring for water, and as the well was a long distance from the cave, he was now thinking of looking for a place to live nearer to the water, so that he need not have to walk so far every day, when, suddenly, a voice began to count 1, 2, 3, 4; the old man stopped and looked around him in surprise, but he could see nobody. Then he began to walk again, when lo! the voice continued 5, 6, 7; the old man prayed and inquired what it was when he was answered, and told that the number of steps that he took every day were being counted and entered down to his credit for his reward, so that if he removed, as he was thinking of doing, his dwelling nearer to the water, he should have fewer steps to take, and consequently fewer good marks would be put down for him.

How it should encourage us all to do good—to think that God is keeping an account of all that we do! But it is not only the good that we do that God sees and keeps account of. He sees the evil, too. He beholds the good and the evil, and "His countenance is against them that do evil things."

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we do wrong, and will punish us, but that He is pleased with us when we do right, and will reward us! Teach this, then, to your children, and do not forget it yourselves—but always remember that the eyes of the Lord in every place beholdeth the good and the evil, and remember that the eyes of the Lord are upon the just and His ears unto their prayers, but that the countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil things!

MIND READING.

Rev. L. A. Lamberti in The Freeman's Journal. What man knows about the laws of physical nature compared to what he does not know is a drop of water to the ocean. There can be but little doubt that there are persons who can, to a certain extent, discover some of the thoughts of others by touch.

The conditions were that he was to be blind-folded, that he was to enter a carriage, take the reins and drive to the house, which was in another part of the city, enter and find the hidden article. To all these conditions he consented, stipulating that he was to hold one end of a piece of wire, while he who hid the article was to hold the other, and that those who were to accompany him should see that he did not come into collision with other vehicles.

Our correspondent asks our opinion of mind reading. It is this: First, that it is a fact, and second, that it is the result of a diseased organism, a neurasthenia; an evidence of physical degeneracy. Diseases, particularly nervous, have a tendency to develop an abnormal keenness in one or more of the organs of sense.

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living. You saw him living, for that he was when you last saw him, and I saw him only through your mind; in other words, as he was in your mind. I am no clairvoyant. I do not pretend to know absent or future events. I simply described your present state of mind. When you thought "Charleston," I said "Charleston." Thinking of your home, you thought of the streets leading to it—otherwise I could not have named them, for I was never in Charleston; you thought of the parlors, the steps, the hall, the stairs, and the sick man, and I described all as you saw them. I went too far when I said the man was living. I should have said, "You think the man is living."

In concluding these examples we will give another going to show that one may not only know the thought of another by some unexplained means, but that one may at a distance excite or produce thoughts in the mind of another. A B and C were acquaintances. One evening A and B were talking of mental influences of one kind and another, and A proposed a test of which C was to be the subject. A said: "Let us now set our wits to work together. To-morrow you, B, will go into C's store, say 7 o'clock; at that time I will think of C with all the concentration of mind that I am capable of. I will mentally call him and make every effort to attract his attention, and you will note the result, if there will be any."

It will occur to the reader how often he finds himself thinking of an absent friend or acquaintance without being able to associate any present event or thought with that friend that could have led up to the sudden remembrance of him. Had that friend any memories of the past are led up to by events present to us and of which we are conscious, but there are reminiscences that come to us, the path of which to our minds cannot be found in present happenings about us.

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leave mind reading to the perambulating mountebank, the peripatetic philosopher, and the physician versed in nervous diseases. It is too shallow or too deep for the average man. He is the happiest in this world, with mind chances out of ten of being the happiest in the next.

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