SIX

FIVE MINUTE SERMON

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GOD IS LOVE AND DESIRES NOTHING

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart and with thy whole soal, and with thy whole the mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. And the second is like to this: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." These two commandments are the essence and sum of the contents of the law and sum of the contents of the law and the prophete. According to our Lord's teaching in today's gospel all religion consists in genuine, childlike love of Ged our Father, and brotherly love of all men, as being children of the same heavenly Father. In fact, God is love, and desires nothing but love.

God is love ; all the doctrines of Christianity proclaim this fact; He is love, and for this reason He created the world and peopled it with human beings, giving them immortal souls, equipping them with many glorious privileges and powers and destining them for eternal happiness. Ged is love, and His love caused Him to give us the command-ments as our guide on the way to heaven, and to send His holy angels to be our companions and protectors along our difficult path. Even the numerous afflictions with which God chastises the wicked and tries the righteous, — even hell, created to deter men from evil by the prospect of terrible punishment. — proclaim to us God's love. proclaim to us God's love.

God is love, and therefore He had God is love, and therefore He had mercy upon our fallen race, and sent His only begotten Son to seek and to save that which was lost All Christ's life on earth, all His is actions and sufferinge, and especially His death on the Cross, teach us the same lesson: God is love! We learn it again from the helv Secret learn it again from the holy Sacraments, these precious sources of grace that supply strength to the grace that supply strength to the weak and weary traveller on his journey through life, — especially from the hely Sacrament of Pen-ance, in which God so tenderly welcomes the penitent sinner, and still mere from the most holy Sacrament of the Altar, where Jesus gives Him-self to be our food. We learn it also from the holy Sacrifice of the Mass, when in an unbloody manner our Lord Hiwaself renews His death on the Cross, and offers Himself daily, as once on the Cross, to make atonement to His Heavenly Father for the sins of men. We might survey all the doctrines and institutions of Christianity, and everywhere we should find them to be proofs and manifestations of God's love.

2. But God, being love, desires love. All the teaching of Christianity on the subject of morals may be summed up shortly thus: "Love God with thy whole heart, and love thy neighbor as thyself."

Whoever loves God with his whole whoever loves God with his whole heart is doing all his duty to his Lord and Master He diltht Lord and Master. He delights in thinking of God, and does his best to thinking or good, and does his best to to three. At that critical moments live so as to please Him. He thinks, speaks and acts only in accordance with the will of God, He obeys those with the will of God, He obeys those in authority, because it is God's will; he keeps order in his home, encourages his household to do HELP FROM BISHOP right, trains his children in the

Let us, too, always strive to act thus, and then we shall be able truthfully to assert that we love God, and do our duty perfactly to our fellow-men, and then we may venture to hope that God will some day take us to Himself in His grace and love. Amen. their soule, like virgin earth, gave back abundant fold the smallest seed implanted therein."-The Pilot. Amen

FAITHFUL COMPANIONS CENTENARY

VISCOUNTESS DE BONNAULT PAYS BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTE TO FAITH OF IRISH

The celebration of the centenary of the foundation of the Faithful Companions of Jesus brings to notice an interesting story of activity. In 1820 the first house was opened

in a bumble way at Amiens, and later another foundation was made at Chateaux. The Order quickly spread through France and England, Ireland, Italy, Switzerland and other countries

When religious persecution in France caused the Faithful Com-panions to close their schools, they sought asylum in Belgium, and in the islands of Jersey and Guernsey they found a vast field for apostolic labor.

countries.

There are novitiates in Namur, Belgium; St. Anne's, Brittany; Upton Hall, Chester, England; Gumley House, Isleworth, London; Namber House, Martin, London; Newtownbarry, Wexford, Ireland; a place at Fitchburg, Mass.; and at "Genazzano," Kew, Australia. Every-where the Order is flourishing—a mente.

The F. C. J. Order is governed by

LIFE OF FOUNDRESS

The Viscountess De Bonnault D'Houet was the foundress of the society. She was left a widow after ten months of married life. She was devoted to her son, and in her widowhood gave up much to charitable works.

It is related that she had a dream early in her widowhood, and awoke inspired with a vivid impression of death, and of the necessity of making preparation for it. It was many years, however, before she made up her mind finally to change her life. her life. She experienced much hostility in

her wishes to devote herself to God's work. At the time she had decided to start her first community her mother died, and her father expected that she would live with him. He expressed strong disapproval of her decision to renounce worldly position, but subsequently fell in with her resolve, and assisted her.

A start was made at Amiens in 1820, and a few nuns joined Mme.

Help came from the Bishop of Amiens. The education of girls was right, trains his children in the fear of the Lord, and watches over his subordinates, that they may not stray from the straight path. He assists devoutly at public worship, because God desires us to pray to-gether and to edify one another. A man who truly loves God, bears with patience whafever suffering God sees fit to send him knowing well that fit to send him knowing well that she went to Nantes, where the same God can do no wrong ; his confidence occupations awaited her, and where in Him is firm as a rock, and never she opened schools for the children

THE CATHOLIC RECORD

FRUIT MEDICINF

"These children edified us," writes another biographer of Mme. d'Houet, "by their disposition, in which faith and piety were so conspicuous. For

A TRULY CATHOLIC MOVEMENT

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and again by the Church. They point to the great encyclicals of Leo XIII. as a modern instance of how the application of the principles of the Gospel applied to present day industrial conditions can bring order out of chaos. These saving principles enunciated a generation ago by

tive thinkers in all countries. That few attempts have been made to put them into practice is due to the willingness of the world to sacrifice institut to exacrifice justice to expediency. It is with gratitude therefore that

we learn that an attempt has been we learn that an accent has been made in Spain to reconstruct society according to these tried and true Christian principles. The movement which began some eight years ago has already passed the experimental stage and has met with such success that Catholic thinkers are now pointing to Spain as the leader in bringing the world back to Christ.

A writer in the London Universe bars. Membership consists of fami-lies, so that the real number is greatly

in excess of that figure. The Con-federacion Nacional Catolica Agraria is the name of the association, and it aims at organizing the agricultural industry of Spain on the most approved methods.

It is not merely an economic move-

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application of Catholic principles. The establishment of rural banks, the encouragement of persant propriotorship, and education through religion are the methods the con-federation pursues to interpose an effective barrier to the Continents effective barrier to the Continental socialism that finds a ready accept. ance in such an agricultural community. The real significance of the move-

ment consists in the fact that on a groundwork of Catholic principles it has gone from success to success. It is being carried on by Catholic men of the highest ideals, in close touch with the ecclesiastical authorities, and along the lines laid down by Pope Leo XIII. It has shown that Christian principles are emin-ently practical. The success of this movement is not only a source of pride to Catholics throughout the world but should be an inspiration for right thinking men in all countries who realize that in normal and religious principles lies the true solution of social and economic questions.-The Pilot.

ment. It is essentially Catholic. It affirms in its constitution the princi-ples of religion, of the family, and of the right of private property as the annoyances for the love of her dying annoyances for the love of her dying Son ; how to meditate on His sufferonly sure foundation of the social social, economic and moral upbuild-ing of society through fearless if for Hfs glory.



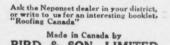


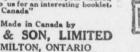
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withstands hard and continuous wear, and is adaptable to all roof surfaces. Cheapness of first cost, as compared with wood and metal shingles, or slate, and economy of maintenance are some of its principal







wavers. In short, whoever truly of the upper class, of the middle loves God is careful to avoid all that class, and of workmen. might displease his beayenly Father, even in the least degree, and says, like Joseph the patriarch, "How could I do evil in the sight of my God."

Yet God's commandment of charity is fulfilled perfectly only by one who at the same time loves his neighbor the holy woman always replied that at the same time loves his neighbor as himself, for thus he discharges all his duties tewards his fellowman. He who loves his neighbor as himthoughts to rise up in his heart; he hates no one, and never returns evil for evil; he greives over the sin committed by one who injures him, far more than over the wrong that he suffers. He is unjust to no one, but gives to each his due, treating others as he would wish to be treated by them. He never begrudges another his good fortune, and rejoices not in the losses and failures of others, but shares their happiness when they are prosperous, and their sorrows when they are in trouble.

When times were bad and the price of food had risen, the local superiors of Nantes were wont to complain that it was all but impossible to keep on this school, the resources available being

on no account were they to refuse to accept the children of workmen.

In 1826 the fourth convent was started at Sainte-Anne d'Auray. that/year Pope Leo XII., gave his approval to the Society of the Faithful Companions of Jesus. Her opponents endeavored to induce her to change the name, and threatened to employ all their power in Rome to force her to do so, but Mme. d'Houet replied that the cross with which they menaced her might be a heavy one, but that she would not alter the name of her society, since she held it with the sanction of the Sovereign Pontiff.

He who loves his neighbor as him. self always thinks and speaks well of others, for he would wish them to think and speak well of him. He nevers talks scandal, nor does he re-He who loves his neighbor as himself that lies in his power, and to help others, to the utmost of his ability. He is particularly zealous for the salvation of souls, desiring all to be good and happy. Hence he warns those who go astray, he instructs the ignor-

VISITS TO IRELAND

MADE IN CANADA

The one thing this intropid woman feared was lest she should not carry out God's designe. Human opposipeat any evil that he may have heard, but does his best to conceal big maighhor's faults and to put the of hers. She died in 1858, leaving exerts himself to do all the good twenty flourishing convents in that lies in his power, and to help France, Italy, England, and Ireland. The visits to Ireland used to give Mme. d'Houet a singular pleasure. "That country," says her French biographer, "had always evoked her deepest sympathy. She admired ant, sets a good example to everyone, and rays that all men may be of its people to the ancient faith." The man, therefore, who truly loves God does all these things. Communion.

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