

FIVE-MINUTE SERMON

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY

CHRISTIAN SELF-LOVE

"I speak with the tongue of men and of angels and have not charity, I have become as a sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal..."

We see from these texts that charity is indispensable. We must have it in order to be united to God in Heaven. Nothing whatever can take the place of it.

But what does this love of God consist in? It consists chiefly in keeping faithfully God's commandments.

And if we faithfully keep God's commandments we pay Him true homage and worship—such as is acceptable to Him and worthy of Him.

Another says: "I will fast; I will give alms; I will help to build churches and schools; I will feed the poor, but I cannot give up that sin that I am addicted to."

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2. Are Catholics allowed to join the Salvation Army? Give some theological reasons.

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Council of Trent rendered all clandestine marriages invalid. But complications were destined to arise. On the very evening before the coronation Josephine succeeded in having a private conversation with Pius VII.

The question of divorce did not arise until five years later. There was little trouble over the dissolution of the civil contract of March 9, 1796—in fact Napoleon had to do effect this was to sign a decree.

The Salvation Army has no conception of a church other than as an aggregate of individual believers. No sacraments are made use of—not even baptism or the Eucharist.

We did not examine the book with such care as to be sure whether the above is a precise summary on all points but it is at least substantially correct.

As regards the reasons why a Catholic cannot join the Salvation Army, many can be mentioned, though only one in radical. For instance, although the book aforesaid lays down a considerable number of sound doctrines, it also lays down others (especially regarding conversion and forgiveness) which no Catholic could accept.

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We cannot conceive a Catholic instructed in his own principles, and to ask any question on this point, might have met with some Catholic who is very badly instructed, and who, seeing the earnestness of the other, might have been induced to adopt a substitute.

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