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Jubilee Encyclical of the Immaculate Conception

His Holiness Pope Pius X., in an Encyclical Letter, dated February 2, on the jubilee of the proclamation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of Oun Blessed Lady, says:

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In the course of a few months, time will bring us to the joyful day when, fifty years ago, our predecessor, Pope Pius IX., of holy memory, surrounded by a large group of Cardinals and Bishops, with the authority of the infallible Magisterium, proclaimed and promulgated that it was revealby God that the Blessed Virgin at the first instant of her Conception from all stain of original was free sin. There is no one who does not know with what disposition, with what a display of public gratitude and joy, the faithful throughout the world received that proclamation; so

that truly, within the memory of there was offered towards the venerable Mother of God and the Vicar of Jesus Christ no testimony of good will which was more univer sal or of more general accord. Now, venerable brethren, have we not sound motives to hope, although half a century has passed, that in renewing the remembrance of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin an echo, as it were, of that holy will resound in our soul, and that the grand displays made at that distant day, of faith and love towards the venerable Mother of God, will be repeated ? Such an earnest desire is in truth inspired by the devotion which we have at all times entertained towards the bBlessed Virgin, with the deepest gratitude for her favours; and we have an assurance of the accomplishment of our desires in fervor of all Catholics, ever ready and anxious to multiply proofs and testimonies of affection and nomage towards the great Mother of God. ceal the fact that our desire has, for the extirpation of heresy and the "above all, been stimulated by a certain secret instinct that we are not far from the fulfilment of the great hopes with which the minds both of Pius, our predecessor, and of all the Bishops of the universe were inspired, not rashly, by the promulgation of the dogma of the Immaculate Con-

ception of Mary. Not a few are there who complain that up to this day these hopes have not been realized, and they repeat the words of Jeremiah : "We looked for peace and no good came : for a time of healing and behold fear" (Jer., viii., 15). But who is there that will not censure these as "men of little faith" who neglect to recognize the which, through the intercesthe

excite singular fervour among muting the aforesaid works enjoined From the High Altar she passed to reader, pouring that it renders the object of it nidi- could conceive illogical thoughts out. the flood of was what His Holiness Christians by him into other works of piety and the Chapel of St. Anthony. Above gratitude and thanks which flow the altan rose a large statue of that from her heart to the Immaculate culous instead of honored. Some time Then we have "a magnificent series spoke of in his first letter-the necesthis not only for the regulars of both since a Catholic American orator de- of well-developed original thoughts," toration of all things for all others who cannot livered a very find address in an aca-Saint, the Holy Infant on his book. Mother who had protected her baby must certainly have been mos Christ; for every one could see perform them, and he likewise grants the power of dispensing from Com-Steadily she gazed into the face of boy; to the Holy Child who, entertaining and instructive. that there was no more secure, no speedier way than through Mary to demic hall, and it appears that he But in St. Anthony, dreamland though it may have been, it surprises us not a little to find whose look of intense even treated his subject with more munion children who, have not yet an't bear to tell Beth." that series "expressed in forcible and love for the infant Jesus fascinated than usual spirit-and this is sayled her to the place where her young unite all to Christ and to obtain been admitted to it. The privilege of child lay, and to good St. Anthony, her so that she became units all else. His intercession for the reher so that she became oblivious to telling periodical climaxes driver ing a great deal, for he is certainly from Him the perfect adoption of gaining other Indulgences, during the year, even Plenary ones, granted by home with animated delivery or gesof the most spirited speakers of who, touched by the reality of h ons, so that we might be holy and faith, had helped her to find the litthe American platform to-day. In the ture and action." Spikes, nails, him and his predecessors is to stainless in the sight of God. No one earnestly sought. The whole story of little Lawrence's disappearance from their home, her anxiety, deep-March 1st, 1904. recourse of a report of that address an wedges, and such-like things tle one who was lost. could doubt this who remembered are main intact. In conclusion His Ho-Contrabuted Ly C. A., Montreal, driven home, sometimes with animat American Catholic organ says : liness expresses the earnest hope that that she was the only one amongst gesture, always with action, but all with whom Jesus, as was fitting under the auspices of the Blessed Vin we have never had the "fortune" in the case of a son and his mother gin this Jubilee will be the means of ng by his side was united by a familiar intimacy teeing any person drive a climax nome. "A treat of sound oratory" bringing back to Christ many of "The entire speech was filled with home and intercourse of thirty years. Mary those who unfortunately are separatlogical thought of a great mind, fol-A MINISTER'S VIEW is also something that we have neve the Mother of Christ, was also our in his pocket, but not loose. ed from Him.-Liverpool Catholic The ee you. lowing out his thesis in a magnifienjoyed. In fact we have heard of Mother, for we should all bear Scotchman carries two pocketbooks, and he will take out the smaller thinking." in Times. cent series of well-developed, original sounding oratory, but we are thoughts expressed in forcible and telling periodical climaxes driven aware of that class or oratory called when a charitable call is made upon "Englishmen, Irishmen and Scotchmen" was the subject of a lecture by Rev. C. O. Johnson of Toronto, at sound-probably in contradistinction him, but the Irishman has his mowith animated delivery of gesto unsound oratory. However, we Question Box the last night the house was crowdney in his pocket, and it is loose." are told, later on, about the ture and action, gave a treat of Cornhill Methodist Church, Roches red the time when he, a eloquence, and we suppose it means the same thing as sound oratory. It oratory that is rarely one's ter, N.Y., recently. A large audi-ence filled the auditorium of the Father Wendling, the pastor of the the same thing as some the logi-is also quite possible that the logifortune to listen to. During the ora flourishing oil town of Gibsonburg, the Revelations, tion many passages of genuine elo church. Among other things he said : "If I were conducting a funecares for Genoa as a mission every GOOD WIVES. quence and phrases of chrystallized [cal thought of a great mind is Sunday, riding or driving the twelve hought worthy of everlasting reral I would take John to dig the same as the phrases of crystallized The fact that miles between masses. membrance were placed before the dethought that were worthy of Good wives and mothers find plenhe is able to follow the example of grave; for he would dig it square; I would take Sandy for the solemn serever Good wives and mothers find plen-ty of works at home; they find nei-ther time nor, any desire, nor any pleasure, nor duty to appear on the public platform. Their field of work is their happy home. Their influence will be feit in public life. Good wives and faithful mothers will edu-oate good husbands and faithful sods.-St. Anthony's Messenger. lighted listeners. lasting remembrance, and that placed before the listeners. his neighbors a little further west, would take Sandy for the solemn ser-vice, and Pat to do the weeping. The Irishman is born nearer heaven than the others. The Irishman is the tha least hypocritical of the three. He is more childlike, more guilible than the others. But we love him, because he loves so easily in return. The Englishman carries his money A promising mission was given from January 7 to January 13 to the non-Catholics of Genoa in the and is putting up a twenty thousand . . . placing of this treat before the dollar church in the choicest site teners must have been a tame ceeding after the driving home the climaxes. But probably orator had grown weary, or overcome by his super-human tions at the outset. of Gibsonburg; which was a few years pro Opera House of that little town. In spite of the biting cold of the first part of the week, the people turned out in satisfactory numbers, and by To judge from this description of the orator and the oration, he must be a "sledge-hammer" speaker. His "entire speech" is characterized as a "treat of sound oratory, 'alof the

mind that Jesus Who was the Word made Flesh was also the Saviour of the human race. Devotion to the Blessed Virgin is. His Holiness says a great means of defence against the errors and corruptions of the present time and against attacks on the Faith, and he asks that during the of the Immaculate Concep-Jubilee tion all should pray and beg of God through the intercession of the Bless ed Virgin that those who have alan doned the truth should again em We know by experience brace it. that such a prayer springing from charity and supported by the prayers

of Our Lady was never in vain. In order that Heavenly graces more abundant than usual might help us to combine the imitation of the Bless ed Virgin with the ample honors that will be paid to her during the whole year and that thus the object in view-that of restoring all things in Chnist-might be the more easily tained, following the example given by his predecessors at the beginning of their Pontificate he has decided to grant to the Catholic world an Extraordinary Indulgence in the form of a Jubilee. Wherefore relying or the mercy of Almighty God and on the authority of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, by that power of binding and loosing which Our Lord has bestowed on him, though un worthy, he makes the following announcement : To all and each of the faithful of both sexes residing in the city of Rome, or about to come there, who from the first Sunday in Lent, that is, from the 21st February to the 2nd June, inclusively, the Feast of Corpus Christi, shall have three times visited one of the four Patriarchial Basilicas and there during some time have prayed for the freedom and exaltation of the Catho-But we do not wish to con- lic Church and of the Apostolic See conversion of all who are in error for concord amongst Christian prin ces, for peace and unity amongst all the Faithful, and according to the intentions of the Holy Father, and who within the time named shall have fasted once, using only Lenten fare-the days not comprised in the Lenten Indult being excepted and having confessed their sins, shall receive the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist; to others residing outside the city, wherever they may be, who time specified or for three months, not necessarily continuous to be definitely fixed by the judgment of the Ordinaries and in cordance with the convenience of the times, if it when they

return home provided they perform the works mentioned. 'To conlessors approved by the Ordinaries he gives the power of com-

cemetery like other people. He sug-gested a trip to Toledo nearby, and fair to be ready for a pastor of its own as soon as a pastor is ready for the reading of a more metropolitan The non-Catholic mission idea apjournal than the Genoa Times

sufficient remedy.

Somebody wrote to apologize for

the ignorance about the Church dis-

played by many of the questions. Re-

plying that we assumed that the questions were honest, and had the

question box and the missions pre-

those who had pretended to tell them

stands for, had led them so far as-

to the representatives of the Church

itself when they wanted information

about it. "It seems to be the great

care of some men that non-Catholics

shall not come to know the Church

as she really is. Perhaps this ac

counts for the fact that so often the

town to a calm consideration of

covering and recognizing the truth, a

remark was greeted with a burst of

holding forth even then in the neigh-

Next evening the audience was ver

notably larger, and the mission end-

ed with the best good feeling and

congregational singing of "Nearer

My God to Thee," which is to b

hoped was true .- M. in Catholic Uni-

moment we invite the people of

their differences in the hope of

learned that a revivalist

boring Methodist Church.

revival is suddenly arranged.'

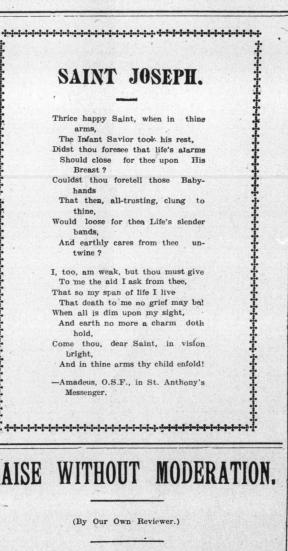
cisely to dispel the ignorance.

took occasion to urge that

bealed at once to the pastor's lous and generous spirit, and after the first night he took charge of the question box himself with tact and ability, but I fear also with amaze-Its contents revealed his ment. neighbors' religious limitations, and also the crude ideas which made them easy victims for A.P.A. manipulators ten years ago. The ques-tions were civil enough, but sadly in the past what the Catholic Church uggestive of false teachers. tray, in the future they would come

The people of Genoa seem to be nuch interested in sisters and nunneries. "Why don't they let them out ?" was urged repeatedly. The neries. protestation that the clergy had nothing to do with the management of nunneries; that sisterhoods were not founded by the Church as such, but were the growth of individual piety and charity among good ladies; that these women an becoming sisters governed themselves, elected their own superiors, etc., was light to some, and bewilderment to others. "Then when the nuns take the scar- | approval which seemed surprising till let veil, why do they never see the light of day again ?" was another example. "I am sixty years old and I never yet read in the papers an ac-Please excount of a nun's funeral. plain what they do with them." That terrible "they" is always the offender. Father Wendling explained that it was not because nuns do not die, they do not be buried in the

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verse.

dulity of the age. But the principal ojourn upon earth. Could to describe the joy of that poor she were worthy "of everreason why the fiftieth anniversary of doubt that He, the great sharer of mother, whose heart had but The speech the proclamation of the dogma of earth's sorrows, would hean lately been well nigh broken the know what he would have said of a was "filled with logical thought of a with prayers of a broken-hearted mother ? the Immaculate Conception ought her loss. We will leave her, gentle criticism so full of meaningless praise great mind," just as if a great mind

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 1904. OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

THE LOST CHILD .- Almost fran- | ening into positive fear as the motic the poor woman entered the police station. "Have you seen my boy, Sergeant? O what shall I do? What shall I do? He's lost, he's made him appear very real to her.

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"Calm yourself, good woman," spoke the kindly sergeant, "and tell me all about your loss. If there is aught we can do to recover your baby, we will do it."

"My little Loy, my little Lawrence ! He's lost ! He's lost !" sobbed the mother. Gently and kindly the Sergeant

comforted her, and little by little was able to obtain from the heartbroken woman the facts of her baby's disappearance. Mrs. Kirwan was a respectable.

and hard working woman, whose home was her kingdom. She and her husband had been married about seven years, and had had born to them one little boy, the subject of this story, Lawrence. Pious Cathoics, devoted to their faith, the father and mother had placed the little one, at his baptism, under the pro tection of the and though at the date of our story the little fellow was only five years old, their own faithful devotion, and the regularity with which they made their thanks to, and dedicated themselves and their little boy anew to, the Immaculate Mother, had impressed the little fellow also with feelings of devotion to the Mother with the outstretched arms.

satisfaction as to her baby's where abouts, other than the assurance of everything possible being done for his recovery, the poor mother again stepped out on to the street. Up and down she gazed, seeming to scan every corner, nook and crevice where-in a child could get, but all to no avail. Now and then she would stop a kindly-faced pedestrian, and ask if they had seen her baby boy, but apparently none had noticed the litwanderer cross their path. One or two seemingly taking more interest than others, and whose sympathy for the poor mother was stirred to offer their assistance, joined in the search, but though every likely and unlikely place was scanned, no tidings of the little one were forth- | the Church. Along the way

the mother's steps. Fatigued with her long and fruitless journeyings, her strength sapped by the force of her anxiety, she was about to turn home-Her thoughts as to what she do thene without her boy Hark ! those bells-what are they

THE DA "I saw your advertiseme copyist, and came to app ition. Mr. Whiting, attorney as or at law, looked at the sp ments passed by and he did come, she told to the Holy

Saint

She saw

side

she

in

As they approach

Her faith in the power of his aid,

and never doubting he would find her

boy, she gave herself up to the ecs

sank exhausted to the floor.

of her and her trouble.

tasy of the moment, and gradually

As hen fascinated gaze rested on St

Anthony's face, she fancied she saw

him speak to the Holy Child; he ap-

peared to be telling the Infant Jesus

them glance in her direction, and felt

instinctively they were about to as-

sist her in her search. But see -

what is happening now ? Gently the

Holy Child descends from the boola

floor He slides, and towards her He

walks. Extending His little hand,

He places it in her own, and gently

pulls her to follow Him. Full of

follows where He leads,

faith, she

little boy, fast asleep.

The cry which escaped her awak-

ened the mother, and for a moment,

realizing it was only a dneam, dis-

appointment seized her, but only for

moment, however, for, full of faith,

poor woman as she was, one grance

at the faces of St. Anthony and the Holy Child reassured her. With E

prayer of thanksgiving, she quietly

had so shortly before travelled

and calmly arose, and as quietly left

dreamland, she now goes, wide awake

Street after street she traverses, ar-

riving at length at the Church- her

own parish Church-where for years

Holy Child reassured her.

in St. Anthony's hand, down to the

beheld an old man. His white; trouble and time h ed a face that at one per have been firm and hands frock coat was spe shone in places like satin. was without a stain, but mistakable evidences of we "I can write a good he should very much like to position," continued the n

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"I think it would hardly responded the attorney. " are small, and I was looki

young man." "Oh, well, sir, I don't en large wages. Of course I a young man, but I am as go of them. I am only sixty-I am as spry as ever," and figure straightened percepti "I'm sorry," said Mr. turning again to his work have made partial arranger fill the place."

A shadow of great disap overspread the applicant's ance

"That is too bad," he sai wish you would take my ad if the other party should f I know I could satisfy you. "Very well. Mr. Bates," yer spoke to his managing o

had been standing by with of papers-"you may take tleman's address.

The old man followed the the outer room and saw en the memorandum "James h 139 Bolton street."

As he watched the young bing his fingers over the bl "You will be sure to said : know if the other party d come, won't you ?" There was a note of pleadi tone that made Bates look speaker more closely. The fillost its erectness; the hope

which had illuminated his ance, when he had first ente gone, and in its place was ression of despair. "Are you sure you would

position ?'' the young ma "It pays only fifteen dollars a yes, yes indeed ! I very glad to take it. I we ing to work for almost a It is pretty hard for a man o age to get work. Everybody young men nowadays. I th would be just the place for n "Very well," responded strangely touched by the a distress of the old man.

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coming. ward.

Feeble and more feeble became

Down the darkened Church they go, and out into the street. Strange it seems to her that as they wind in and out amongst the crowd, now up Mother Immaculate, this street, now down that, the passers by heed them not. Place after place, familiar to her, they pass, until they arrive at the door of her own parish Church. Up the steps, through the great doors, and into the Church she is led by the Holy Child. Along the aisle, until near the Sanctuary, when they turn to a Chapel, the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. As they approach the beautiful statue of Our Lady, a Obtaining at the station house no glance of recognition appears to pass from the Holy Mother to Her Holier Son-the outstretched arms move downwards, indicating their attention to the foot of the altar. Obediently the poor woman looks, where she is directed, when with a cry of joy she recognizes her own dear