### SIX

# FIVE MINUTE SERMON

### BY REV. WILLIAM DEMOUY, D. D. FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER

# EASTER

OUR PRAYERS ALWAYS HEARD "At that time Jesus said to His discipl Amen, amen. I say to you, if you ask t Father anything in My name, He will give you." (John xvi, 23.)

This text is well known to all Christians, and every one who has lived justly and been reasonable in his or her supplications, has realized the truth contained in it. Christ made the promise and He keeps it, but He exercises His wisdom in fulfilling it. How fortunate this is for us! We certainly would not want Him to answer our prayers if the favors granted eventually would prove detrimental to us. would prove detrimental to us. Not being able to see the future, and having a defective judgment, we can not always be sure that all we ask for will be good for us. Christ remedies this defect, and grants us nothing save what infallibly will be for our eternal or temporal welfare. His care for us in this respect is

similar to the care of a wise and good mother for her offspring. Her child, in its innocence, will ask for everything its heart desires; but its mother, who has had years of experience and whose mind is more mature than that of her child, will refuse to grant all its wishes. The child often may feel that it is not being given the liberty due it, but this will last only for a time. When it reaches maturity and can exercise good judgment, it will then see the prudence of its mother's manner of acting.

Christ acts with us, when we pray, as does this wise mother, with pray, as does this wise mother, with this difference, as Christians piously believe—namely, that He will answer in His own way, and in His own time, every supplication of the just. In other words, when He sees that it would not be wise to grant what we ask, He will give us something else, either immediately or at some other time. Any reasonable at some other time. Any reasonable person—like the child, after it has grown up to the age of maturity, who thanks its mother for her wis care-will be grateful to Christ for the wise guidance He exercises over us. It will not be here, in all probability, that we clearly shall see the wisdom of Christ, but it, will be when we possess the fulness of life in the world beyond. We can feel sure, however, that His manner of acting with regard to our prayers is such as we have described.

He says that whatever we ask the Father in His name will be given to us. We must remember, however, that all our prayers should not be prayers of supplication-not that Christ forbids us to make them such, or because it would not be right for other reasons—but because we owe God adoration and great debts of gratitude for His innumerable benefits to us, particu-larly that of Christianity. Prayer, therefore, of thanks and adoration cheuld be neuroned out to God con should be poured out to God continuously; and we can then have more assurance that our prayers of supplication will be answered.

We may say in all truth that many Christians do not obtain answers to their petitions, because they neglect the other kinds prayer. It is to be regretted that so many pray only when they need something. Generosity with God bring more favors than will

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	RESTORING AT LEAST THE EXTERNALS	
	GROWTH OF CATHOLIC IDEAS IN ENGLAND	

Possibly not since the coronation of Queen Elizabeth has the ancient Abbey of Westminster, which was for centuries before the Reforma-tion the home of the English Black Monks, witnessed a scene of ecclesi-astical splendorlike that seen within its venerable walls on the occasion of the wedding of the Princess Mary. When all is said and done, the Anglican Church remains what it is—the Anglican Church. But when the royal wedding was celebrated, the venerable pile that still enshrines within its heart the sacred relics of Saint Edward the Con-fessor, did, to outward appearances at all events, seem to go back very closely to the old days when Mass was celebrated at its altars and the long rows of canopied stalls were filled daily by the English Benedictine monks.

Structurally Westminster Abbey remains pretty much as it was in the centuries before the Reforma-tion; as it was when, in the reign of Elizabeth, Abbot Feckerham and his monks were turned adrift from the abbey where they had been reinstated by the Catholic Queen Mary Tudor.

Fashioned expressly to stage the coronation of the English Sover-eigns, who have received their Crown in Westminster Abbey for centuries at the hands of a succes-sion of Archbishops of Canterbury both Catholic and Protestant, the sanctuary of the Abbey is raised considerably higher than is usual in the ancient cathedral churches. This was done so that the congregation might clearly see the act of the coronation of their sovereign-for it is still an essential act in the ceremony of the coronation that the assembled people acclaim with their voice their acceptance of the person

#### of the Sovereign.

MONKS' STALLS UNCHANGED Very little has been changed. The high canopied stalls of Benedictine monks remain on either side of the choir, returning-as it is called—in the stalls facing the altar where still remain the seats formerly occupied by the Abbot and Prior of Westminster. The pave-ment of the sanctuary is that floor of marble and porphyry, which Oderic the Roman brought from

Italy more than six centuries ago. The high altar with its exquisitely carved and canopied screen is modern, as modern things go in Westminster Abbey, and the high roof of crimson velvet and gold embroidery, that rises like the peaked roof of a tent in the spacious chapel behind and beyond the high altar, is the hearse cloth or pall donated by King Edward VII. on the occasion of his coronation to the shrine of his saintly predecessor on the throne of England, Saint Edward the King and Confessor, whose body still lies in the tomb immediately behind the high altar.

On the occasion of the royal wedding the high altar of the Abbey was vested in a silk altar frontal, embroidered all over with gold gold and rich colors, after an ancient ecclesiastical design. On that need the ledge at the back of the altar, massive candlesticks of gold stood, will bearing lighted tapers, with a great tho will thin. o be our but s and gin. win. with was heaped up and displayed sin. with was heaped up and displayed sin. with a mediate the ledge at the back of the altar, massive candlesticks of gold stood, bearing lighted tapers, with a great the center. No flowers the treasury on the Abbey its store sin. with was heaped up and displayed sin. with was heaped up and displayed the ledge at the back of the altar, massive candlesticks of gold stood, bearing lighted tapers, with a great the center. No flowers the treasury on the Abbey its store sin. with was heaped up and displayed sin. the treasury of rick treasure, sin. the treasury of the treasure, sin. the treasure of Westminster. the treasure of the treasure, sin. the treasure of the treasure, the treasure of the treasure of the treasure, the treasure of the treasure will bring more favors than will selfish prayers of supplication. Let no one think that the practice of petitioning God is not to be recommended. It is not to be steps stood great candlesticks, taller than a man, and bearing huge candles like pillars of wax. candles like pillars of wax. Now Westminster Abbey, which is ruled ecclesiastically by a Dean, by virtue of an old Papal privilege granted to the Abbot and monks in pre-Reformation days, is exempt from immediate ecclesiastical jurisdiction. When England was a Cath-olic country the Abbey was subject immediately to the Pope. Since the setting up of the Established Church at the Reformation, it has been subject immediately to the Crown, that is to the Sovereign. Therefore the Dean of Westminster has no immediate ecclesiastical superior to call him to account for ritualistic excesses. It is not assuming too much then, to say that the liturgical observances in the Abbey on the occasion of the royal wedding

## THE CATHOLIC RECORD

surplices, high officers of the State and royal personages in brilliant uniforms, and then the great eccles-iastics of the State Church looking, externally, like high prelates of the Middle Ages. men in scarlet cassocks and flowing surplices, high officers of the State

Middle Ages. The canons of the Abbey Chapter wore copes, then came the bishops also in copes but without mitres though some of them wear mitres in their cathedrals, and then the two Archbishops of Canterbury and York, each wearing a cope stiff with rich embroidery and carrying in their right hands their massive primatial crosses of gleaming silver. Last of all came the Dean of West-

wake of the Reformation. Now fifty years ago such a sight would have been undreamed of.

Fifty years ago the high altar of Westminster would have stood denuded of all ccclesiastical orna-ment, heaped up perhaps with silver ment, heaped up perhaps with silver vessels like the buffet of a rich country squire; while the Anglican prelates would have officiated in their ordinary choir habits, which are simply the house costume of pre-Reformation Catholic Bishops. Fifty years ago the primatial cross was merely an incident in eccles-iastical coats of arms, while the processional cross—with or without

processional cross-with or without the deacon\_in a dalmatic - would have provoked a riot and not impossibly a prosecution in the eccles-

iastical courts. A SIGN OF THE TIMES

The old Religion for which Westminster Abbey was built and endowed was something more vital than correct ecclesiastical vestments and a decorous furnishing of the altar. Also the solemn service of the Protestant Church of Engaltar. land. But in its external order it was a sign that the growth of Cath olic ideas, which is the result of the wonderful recovery of the Catholic Church in this country, has penetrated into such strongholds of Protestant conservatism as these high functions when the heads of the State and the State Church meet for liturgical worship.

It will take something more than a cope or two, a dalmatic or so, a few candlesticks more or less, to make the Anglican Church the Catholic Church. But at least Westminster Abbey has seen, on this last occasion at all events, the

old order of dreary external Protestantism put aside, and a quite, new orientation given to church order.

> IMPROVING ON OMNIPOTENCE

There was once a woman who

since the Cardinal Archbishop of Canterbury, Reginald Pole, cele-brated Mass at Westminster Abbey in the reign of Mary Tudor. Royal and ecclesiastical splendor marked this solemn passing of the princess up the long nave to the steps of the high altar. The gold processional cross carried by the deacon went before, then came the Boyal choristers in their quaint but splendid choir habits, the singing men in scarlet cassocks and flowing men in scarlet cassocks

do for his boys is to encourage them to travel and see something of the world, before they become too keenly engressed in commercial life. Travel is a great Educatorlife. it enriches the mind and fits the youth to better fill his place in life. A normal boy is observant—he assimilates and retains knowledge. Travel gives him his opportunityit fits him for every phase in life. A tour of Europe is at present being organized under the personal

minster himself, wearing a cope embroidered allover with the Royal monogram of the Saint who has slept in the heart of the great church founded by him, undisturbed by the ruin and fall brought in the wake of the Reformation. excursions and give lectures on the

> seen and the places visited. A most carefully planned and A most carefully planned and interesting itinerary has been arranged including visits to Mon-treal, Liverpool, Chester, Strat-ford-on-Avon, Oxford, London, Paris, Versailles, Fontainebleau, Rheims, Lyons, Marseilles, Cannes, Nice Mongeo, Mentone, Cenos Nice, Monaco, Mentone, Genoa, Pisa, Rome, Naples, Sorrento, Capri, Pompeii, Vesuvius, Florence, Venice, Trent, Innsbruck, Munich, the Passion Play at Oberammergau, Nuremberg, Mayence, the Rhine, Cologne, Brussels, Louvain, and Ostend, returning through London

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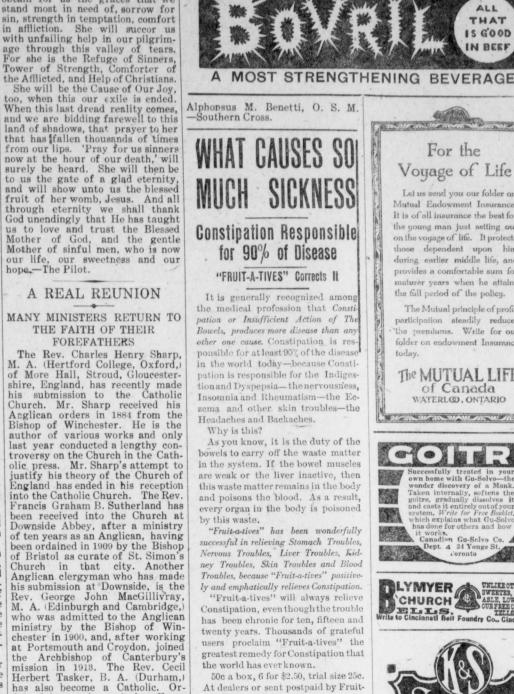
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# THE MONTH OF MAY

May is the month of Our Blessed Lady. Throughout the Christian world, wherever there is a Catholic Church, a Catholic altar, a Catholic priest, and a Catholic congregation, this month will become the month of devotion to the Mother of God.

by Mgr. Hinde, M.A. The Rev. Lionel Richard Lewis, M.A., until recently curate of St. Alban's, Birmingham, the leading Ritualistic May is the Queen of the months. How natural that the Church could not write her own name until she was thirty years of age. Judged by the Beta and Gamma tests, she was a total loss. Her father was a of opening flowers. So in the warm Shrine in the Midlands, and the Rev. Frederick Holding Lane, late vicar

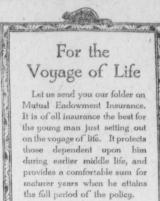


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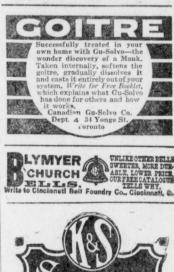
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recommended It is not rather to promote its increase and and princes and great nobles to the and princes and great nobles to the efficacy by the addition of prayers of adoration, thanksgiving, and prayers expressing sorrow for sin. Catholics particularly should re-between the altar cross and the Catholics particularly should re-joice that it is they especially who have caught the meaning of these words of Christ, "in My name." In their prayers His name is ever heard and used. Many others have practical-ly discarded it. With either the absolute or practical denial of His divinity. His name has hear erased absolute or practical denial of His divinity, His name has been erased from the prayers of many sects from the prayers of many sects. - We may venture to say that for this reason if for no other, the prayers of Catholics deserve to be heard by Christ more frequently and more completely than the and more completely than the prayers of honest non-Catholics who are in good faith. Christ must not be neglected. Through Him has salvation come to us, and what He has told us to do He insists that we perform. In His name will we continue to implore blessings and favors from God and through Him will they ever come upon us.

#### MINISTER AND DOG

Boston, April 22.—Rev. Edwin Curtis, who became famous because of charges against him that he baptised a dog and blessed boiled

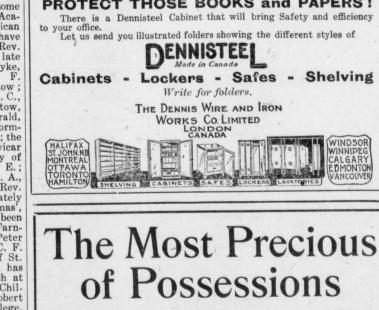
first figures of her own time, and of all time. In addition to all this, she was a Saint, and the world knows her as St. Catherine of Siena. tions of Catholic ancestors, and something instilled in the impres-Bishop of Arras, in France, some months ago, and is now at the Aca-demia, Rome. Other Anglican clergy whose conversions have sionable days of childhood conse-crates this month as the time in knows her as St. Catherine of Siena. It may be further mentioned that she was the twenty-sixth child born to the dyer, Giacomo di Benincasa and Lapa, his wife, the daughter to the village bard. Well was it for the world that birth-control was not in fashion in fourteenth-century Siena. Abeut five control of the state of the stat

About five centuries later, in the land of France there were two pious people, one of whom had been rejected by a monastery, the other by a convent of nuns, because they lacked the health and vigor neces-sary for work in a religious heats

pious people, one of whom had been rejected by a monastery, the other by a convent of nuns, because they lacked the health and vigor neces-sary for work in a religious house. By the Providence of God, these two pious people became husband and wife. They reared a goodly family. After a few years, the mother died, apparently of some tubercular affection. The father died at the age of about sixty, and for some time before his death suffered from a mental disorder. of Our Lord apart either from His teternal Father in Heaven, or from Vincent W. G. C. Baker, lately By the Providence of God, these two pious people became husband and wife. They reared a goodly family. After a few years, the mother died, apparently of some tubercular affection. The father died at the age of about sixty, and for some time before his death suffered from a mental disorder. One of their children was that throughout the whole world as "The Little Flower." It is well for the world that the parents of this nun, whose beautiful

by the Franciscans at Chilworth. Mr. Tasman was formerly curate at

bit charges against him that he he haptised a dog and blessed boiled potatoes, is still pastor of First Presbytertian Church of Brookline, is spit pastor of First Presbytery to oust him.
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Past Sunday two other clergymen beasure of sitting in the pews and listening to Rev. Mr. Curtis's sermons. Had the strangers attempted to pracet a large part of the church, is up to the Presbytery and listening to the curate and gold habits and the the top resolver in the battle, which is attracting national attention in the Presbytery. It is said that title to the church, is up to the Presbytery and will without precedent, possibly
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