

THE EPISCOPAL RING

By Right Rev. H. T. Henry, Litt. D.
Mankind has used finger-rings not merely for ornament but as well for utilitarian, sentimental, and symbolical purposes.

It is interesting to find Durandus apparently implying that the liturgical use of the ring arose from that verse of the parable of the Prodigal Son (St. Luke, 15, 22) where the father (representing the Eternal Father) orders a ring to be put on the prodigal's hand. It is true that the early Christians used rings, even as did the pagans also; but the religious symbols found on the rings do not necessarily suggest any liturgical use.

THE SEAL OF SECRET THINGS

Why should the ring "seal secret things"? Durandus, possibly mindful of Our Lord's warning that we ought not to cast pearls before swine, declares that as rings were anciently employed to seal letters and thus keep their contents secret, so the bishop wears a ring to indicate that he should seal up the mysteries of Scripture and the holy things of the Church from infidels and reveal them to the lowly of heart.

Why should the ring be deemed emblematic of the pontifical dignity? Durandus again helps us in the symbolism which has lasted down to the present day, namely that the ring is a sign of pledged troth between a bishop and his diocese, a sign of his epousal to the Bride of Christ committed to his care to be kept chaste unto her heavenly Bridegroom, Christ, as St. Paul says: "I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ" (2 Cor. 11:2).

We may recall how the Blessed Fisher used the symbolism when Henry VIII, offered him a promotion from the See of Rochester to one of ampler revenue and dignity, Blessed Fisher declined, saying that he had wedded one spouse (his diocese of Rochester) and he would not leave her, however poor and lowly she was.

One might note that the wedding-ring is placed on the left hand of the bride, whereas the episcopal ring is placed on the right hand. Why? The answer has been given that the left hand signified subjection; the right hand, authority. A distinctive ring is also used by other dignitaries—popes, cardinals, abbots, protonotaries, doctors of theology or canon law, certain abbesses and certain orders of nuns.

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The child who has lost a mother is dazed, misses the tenderness of embracing arms, laments uncomprehendingly because all around is sorrow. There is no realization, no hope, for there is no father who will take his place because she will not, as always before, be there to greet him, and for whom the food that she used to serve is tasteless on the tongue.

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