

RETREATS FOR LAYMEN

Intention of Sacred Heart League For August.

We are asked to pray this month for an Intention very dear to our Holy Father Pius X. Only a short while ago, His Holiness wrote to a director of retreats...

In Canada very little interest has been taken so far in the question of retreats for laymen, simply because next to nothing is known of it...

No explanation can give an idea of what a retreat really is; one must have made it to understand it. A retreat is more than a mere rest for the soul...

Retreats are now conducted for large numbers are given collectively to groups. Generally speaking, the retreatants of each group belong to the same profession...

The retreatants arrive at the house of retreat the evening previous to the three days. The door is opened to receive them and is then closed against the world without...

Sometimes, however, the retreatants are accepted indiscriminately and belong to no particular class. This system has its drawbacks, but it has also its advantages...

And now that we understand the object of our Intention, we must pray earnestly for its realization. It is a great work; it is God's work, recommended by His Vicar upon earth...

ARE RETREATS NECESSARY?

We may as well state and answer an objection that will possibly take shape in some minds. "Are retreats for the laity really necessary?"

Let us consider what is the spirit of Holy Church. It is neither the custom of God nor of His Church to be satisfied with giving what is barely sufficient.

No doubt the means already in vogue are sufficient, if they are rightly applied, and protected by the full. But here is the difficulty. The weakness of poor human nature is such that even the most potent remedies gradually lose their efficacy...

ARE ORDINARY MEANS SUFFICIENT?

"Let the layman be satisfied with the ordinary means, forsooth!" Abolish retreats of religious and clergy, and you will have the condition of the Council of Trent.

Yet it is not necessary, and not possible, that all should make a retreat; but it is absolutely indispensable that at least some should make it.

Every day during the Congress Mass will be celebrated at fifteen altars from 5 until 10 o'clock. Visiting clergy are requested to present themselves at the sacristy between these hours.

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Father expects of us. Let us hope that his desire will be realized and that for the consolation of Holy Church this great movement will go on spreading its salutary effects...

SUMMER MONTHS FATAL TO SMALL CHILDREN

Every mother must know how fatal the summer months are to small children. Cholera, infantum, diarrhoea, dysentery and stomach troubles are all common at this time...

Local and Diocesan News.

LOCAL CALENDAR: Fri. July 29, St. Martha. Sat. 30, SS. Abdon and Sennen. Sun. 31, St. Ignatius Loyola.

Forty Hours' Devotion: Saturday, July 30, St. George. Montreal South; Monday, Aug. 1, Ste. Lucie; Wednesday, Aug. 3, Lorette; Friday, Aug. 5, Bordeaux.

PREPARATIONS FOR EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS ABOUT COMPLETED. Unbounded enthusiasm has marked the work of preparing for the great Eucharistic Congress to take place in the city from Sept. 7-11 inclusive.

With the steamships hardly a half mile apart, a pilgrimage to Rome, consisting of approximately two hundred persons, left New York harbor last week on board the Panonia, of the Cunard Line, and the Europa, of the Veloce line, both for Gibraltar, their first stop.

OBITUARY.

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A Household Medicine.—They that are acquainted with the sterling properties of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil in the treatment of many ailments would not be without it in the house.

Want Church to Face Vatican.

Rome.—The Protestant Committee, recently formed here, has decided to ask the American Protestant denominations and the Archbishop of Canterbury to join with the German and Swiss congregations in the project to erect a Protestant church facing the Vatican as a protest against the Papal encyclical on St. Charles Borromeo, which offended German Protestants.

The Census and the Irish Language.

One very interesting question the coming census will illuminate, writes the Dublin Freeman's Journal, is the actual standing of the most sacredly Irish thing in Ireland, the Irish language: is it slow though certainly steady gain anything to its yearly loss?

The lower kind of English people of all ranks are exceedingly given to speaking with fine contempt of the "illiterate Irish"; they argue, often quite directly, from this absence of book-learning to political unfitness (an argument historically most foolish and unsound) and are quite satisfied that if a certain percentage of our people cannot read and write they cannot think and must be robbed.

While the holy water was still drying on the walls of Westminster Cathedral after its recent consecration in London, and while the Mass of Thanksgiving for its consecration and for the diamond jubilee, the sixtieth anniversary of the re-establishment of the hierarchy in England was proceeding, there was held an unique ceremony at Liverpool. Then the first instalment of the Liverpool Anglican Cathedral, of which the architect is a Catholic, Mr. Gilbert Scott, was being consecrated with the Anglican rite.

Pilgrims Depart For Rome.

There were 128 on board the Panonia, under the care of the Right Rev. A. Van de Vyver, Bishop of Richmond, Va., and the Very Rev. J. P. Smith, of Belleville, N.J., was the spiritual adviser on board of the Italian steamship.

The pilgrims came from all parts of the United States as far south as Florida and Texas and west to Los Angeles, while there were several persons from Havana, Cuba. Many of the men pilgrims are Knights of Columbus, and the itinerary contains a visit to Genoa, the birthplace of Christopher Columbus, where the delegation will be entertained by the Italian Knights of the Order.

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Martyrdom of Young French Priest.

Accustomed, like so many others who make their homes in the civilized and law-abiding countries of the Occident, to regard martyrdom as pertaining to history, and as having no place in this century, it was not until my first trip to China that I was brought for the first time face to face with the fact that the sufferings of which we read as having been undergone for Christianity are not mere fairy tales and picturesque exaggerations...

His labors as a missionary had taken him to the vicinity of the Chinese border, and there he had been seized and shut up for a space of two years in a wooden cage, in which he could neither lie down nor sit up, and where, in addition to having his eyes burned out and big wooden wedges passed between each toe and each finger, he was subjected to other tortures of so frightful a character that while they can be left to the imagination they cannot be described.

Anglican Lady Chapel Creates Comment.

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It would appear that the desire for a Lady Chapel is not unanimous among the Anglicans, however. For "A Churchman," writing in the Liverpool Daily Post, asks: "Can you inform your readers why the new cathedral morning chapel should be called the 'Lady' Chapel, seeing that it is a Protestant place of worship, and we Protestants do not worship any 'Lady,' but only God?"

How little the Catholic idea of a Lady Chapel is in the minds of the builders may be gathered, says the London Catholic Universe, from the only alluding passage in the sermon of the Archbishop of York, who said: "Was it not fitting that the first part of the cathedral to be consecrated should be the Lady Chapel, where around them were representatives of the type of all perfect workmanship and where there were gathered the memorials of the holy and faithful women whose names were written in the heart of the Church and the nation."

An average Catholic on being told by a priest of the opening of this Lady Chapel as part of a Protestant cathedral, asked if in the ceremony they said the "Hail Mary." "Perhaps," answered the priest, "someone did on the sly."

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Home-Seekers' Excursions

Excursion Tickets to Western Canada via Chicago on sale July 26; August 9, 23; September 6, 20, at very low fares. Good for 60 days.

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