

The news of the death of Father Joseph Le Halle, S.J., which occurred at St. Canisius' College, Buffalo, on Saturday, May 11, will be received with deep regret by his many friends throughout America. The deceased was fifty-six years of age, having been born in Prussia, January 31, 1845. He made his studies in the famous Jesuit College of Maria Laach, Germany, and Ditton Hall, near Liverpool, England. He was ordained for the Jesuits by Bishop O'Reilly, at Liverpool, August 9, 1877. The next year he went to East India and worked zealously on the missions there until 1886. Then he came to America, and spent three years teaching in Buffalo.

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We learn that a relic of the true cross is now in the possession of Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass. It is the gift of the alumni who are studying for the priesthood in Rome. It is very small and is enclosed in a large crucifix. The relic was brought to this country by Count Colacicchi, the bearer of the red biretta to Cardinal Martinelli. We hope this month to have the pleasure of entertaining the illustrious Count who has graciously signified his intention to accept the hospitality of the Carmelites at Niagara Falls.

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No Catholic in the land, no matter how limited his worldly means, can refuse to send his mite to his Catholic brethren in Jacksonville, Florida, who lost everything during the late disastrous fire. Contributions should be sent to Very Rev. Vicar-General W. J. Kenny.

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Several persons have asked the opinion of the reverend editor of the Annals of St. Joseph in regard to a so-called "prayer," which is recommended as being infallible in obtaining whatever we may request. The following sentence, which is found at the end of the

quasi prayer, gives sufficient proof that it is nothing less than a bogus prayer or joke; it says: "Repeat the above prayer once a day, for 9 days make 24 copies, send one of each to 24 friends and ask St. Joseph for any favor, and it will be granted." It is a superstitious prayer. Put it in the fire.

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ANOTHER ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE.

One of those awful mistakes of human justice found a sad illustration recently in France. The Rev. Father Bruneau, parish priest of Laval, France, was executed in July, 1894, for the murder of his curate. The trial produced a world-wide sensation at the time, and though the evidence was entirely circumstantial, the guilt of the accused priest was considered amply proven. No motive was adduced for the deed, but it was alleged that the relations between the pastor and the curate were not quite harmonious. The dead priest's body was found in the parish priest's well. The anti-Catholic papers of France fairly howled with delight at the death-sentence that was passed on the sacerdotal reprobate, as he was called. Now, one of his serving-women has just died after having made the public declaration that she and an accomplice committed the murder and then went to confession to the parish priest in order to put it beyond his power to speak on the matter. No martyr's crown will be brighter nor hermit's throne more glorious than that of Father Bruneau, murdered by the faulty ways of human justice, but justified and guiltless in the eyes of Him with whom final judgment rests.

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According to the New York Freeman's Journal, the noted Presbyterian clergyman, Dr. Watson (better known by his pen name, "Ian MacLaren"), said to an American interviewer a few years ago, that