MAY 28, 1892
FIVE-MINUTE SERMONS.
sunday Within the acension.
afrer a mission.

 last Sunday. Thank God, there were many who
had been living previousty in sin, , but
who really turned from it then with who really turned from it then with
their whiol ehearts, and who now have
a happiness in those hants towhich
they had long before been strawhes a happiness in those hearts to which
they had logn before been strangers.
This happiness ought to last all their lives. Cod means that to tithost all the
can make it do so if they will. an make it do so if they will.
But how will it be in fact $;$ how is
Boo often, afier such times of grace an fervor? We have had missions before,
which reeally seemed as if they marked
anew era in the history of our parish a new era in the history of our parish
but we look for their frutits now and
find them only fow and far between.
Too many of those and Too many of tow and whar between. made them
went back a month or so atterward to the old ways of sin.
What was the reason that they did
not persevere? Why was it that they not perseevere. sad story to tell when
hat the same sat
they came back this time that they had a few years ago?
Was it that they Was it that they never expected it
to be otherwise $\begin{gathered}\text { Perhaps so. Some } \\ \text { Christians-shame to say it-seem to }\end{gathered}$ think that moral sin cannot be aroided.
Such do not really try to avoid it
how can they? How can ony
 be impossible? No wonder that such
as these fell ; the question is if inded
they ever arose. For how could they
have made the purpose of amendment have made the purpose of aminendment
which a ood confession requirs.
them undertand
thent 1s possible to abandon mortal sin at
once and for ever.
But was it, perhaps, that the thought they could perhaps, the that grace they
had got by their own unaided strength;
that they could tiphth the that they conld fight thated strin singth sigle
handed, or even that he would never trouble them much again? Ah ! my
brettrinen, it any of you t

 strong. If you are weak, whitrake th tile he him
alone, you will goo to the wall hin
ald cannot conquer him unless God helps
yout, ater all, hore are not many
Catholics who do not know that it needs
God's help to persevere. Oh! yes God's help to persevere, On: yes
amost every one will say, when asked
after confession if io ogoing to aroid
sin for the future, that he will, "with
sin whe the help of God,","
What is the matter? If
we know, that we are in danger, and wo know that we are in danger, and
that we can escape from it, buto only
by Gods help, why does not that help
come and save us? and
 and We need, we must be withoungth which
The sinner who repents, and does
Thit war pray otten and fervently after
wape treat he has. being
specially eareful of his morning pray stin the best of all provers-1that of that
again coming to the sacraments-is The great majority of those who have
been leading a bad life, and wh abandon it at a a mission, or at any
oher time, will not persevere unless
ot They are willing to take the trouble to
make frequent and carnest prayers,
and to come to confession arain within
a month. That is simpar and to come to confession again within
a month. That is simple fact it is
the teaching of experience, not mere guess. Work. Are you, my friends,
wiling ot take that trouble for your
soulls sake, or do you refer to foll as soul's sake, or do you prefer to
you have fallen before?

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ten the forerunner of serious




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