

GENERAL INTENTION FOR MAY

RECOMMENDED AND BLESSED BY HIS HOLINESS POPE BENEDICT XV.

DEVOTION TO THE HEART OF MARY

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other souvenirs of Calvary. And even though her wounds are healed and count for little in her present glory, they are not forgotten.

Last but not least, devotion to the Heart of Mary is profitable to ourselves. An affectionate mother naturally rejoices at the confidence which her children repose in her.

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"IRELAND, NURSE OF HEROES"

Our title is taken from the first words of the Papal Decree, published in Rome on St. Patrick's Eve, concerning the "Beatification or Declaration of Martyrdom" of over three hundred children of Ireland.

In Ireland, nurse of heroes, besides the countless athletes of Christ who fell in the unbridled and furious persecution waged against Catholics in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries and whose names, unknown to men, are written in the Book of Life, many known by name and fame still live in the memory of men.

Besides the two hundred and fifty-seven martyrs named, the Decree includes three bands of forty Clisterians, thirty-two Dominicans, and twenty-four companions of Prior MacFergus, O. P., and several other unnamed associates of martyrs, so that the total number of Irish witnesses of the Faith declared admirable to the Church's altars approaches, if it does not exceed, three hundred and seventy.

All this was carried out with a literal and exhaustive comprehensiveness and an ingenuity of rigor for which not even the persecutions of Rome or Japan present a parallel.

A look, a gesture, and a sneer, a frown on mischief bent; and then upon its darkest way, a word of scandal went; the thoughtless one who turned it loose would fain have checked its course; but on it sped to scatter far and wide its seed.

Cooking Utensils



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the same fortitude. All were plundered of whatever they possessed, and there was not one of them but was adorned with the palm of martyrdom.

So severe has been the discrimination of the Sacred Congregation, owing to the destruction of judicially convincing records, that the name of Bishop Conor O'Neill, of Limerick, Provincial of the Trinitarians and a son of the princely O'Neills of Tyrone, does not appear in the Decree.

There was not a monastery from Aran of the Saints to the Iocian Sea that was not broken and scattered. Great as was the persecution of the Roman emperors against the Church, it is not probable that so great a persecution as this ever came upon the world.

Let us do this, and the peace of the Sacred Heart that peace which paceth all understanding, will inundate our hearts, our souls.

Dermot O'Hurley, of Cashel; Richard O'Connell, of Kesh; Edmund MacGauran, of Armagh; Malachy O'Quay, of Tralee; and ten Bishops: Terence and Marcellus O'Brien, of Emly; Edmund O'Connell, of Derry; Edmund Dungan, and Conor O'Devany, of Down and Connor; Owen MacEgan and Boetius Egan, of Ross; William Walsh, of Meath; Patrick O'Healy, of Mayo, and Heber MacMahon, of Clogher, who took up the sword that fell from the hand of Owen Roe O'Neill.

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offender. But if it is the Name of Jesus? Another inconsistency. Do not permit it to be trampled upon by others. You would, if duly called upon, rush into the smoke and din of battle behind a brave captain.

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