

## THE CHURCH UNITY OCTAVE

Dedicated as it is to the conversion of America, The Missionary gladly commends to its readers any movement which makes for the recognition of the Church's claims. Amid the clamoring of the advocates of all sorts of impossible schemes for the reuniting of Christian forces, the project of a week of earnest prayer for the guidance of the Holy Ghost in this all-important matter is one to which none can take exception. With singular unanimity the period from January 18 to 25 has been selected as a time of prayer for unity by many Protestant bodies.

This period commends itself to Catholics especially because it begins with the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter in Rome and ends with the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle. Pope Pius X. gave this Octave in 1909 and Pope Benedict XV. extends its observance to the Universal Church in 1916. We trust that all our readers will make it a part of their devotions. The authorized form of prayer, together with the indulgence attached and a list of recommended daily intentions, is given herewith:

To be Recited Daily During Octave (200 Days' Indulgence Each Octave Day.)

Antiphon. That they all may be One, as Thou, Father, in Me and I in Thee; that they also may be one in Us; that the world may believe that Thou has sent Me. St. John xvii, 21. V. I say unto thee, that thou art Peter; R. And upon this Rock I will build My Church.

Let us pray.  
O Lord Jesus Christ, who saidst unto Thine Apostles: Peace I leave with you, My Peace I give unto you; regard not our sins, but the faith of Thy Church, and grant unto her that Peace and Unity which are agreeable to Thy Will, Who livest and reignest God forever and ever. Amen.

The Daily Intentions  
Jan. 18. Feast of St. Peter's Chair at Rome. The return of all the "Other Sheep" to the one Fold of Peter, the One Shepherd.

Jan. 19. The return of all Oriental Separatists to Communion with the Apostolic See.

Jan. 20. The submission of all Anglicans to the authority of the Vicar of Christ.

Jan. 21. That the Lutherans and all other Protestants of Continental Europe may find their way "back to Holy Church."

Jan. 22. That all Christians in America may become one in communion with the Chair of Peter.

Jan. 23. The return to the Sacraments of all lapsed Catholics.

Jan. 24. The Conversion of the Jews.

Jan. 25. Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. The Missionary conquest of the entire world for Christ.

A Plenary Indulgence

Has been granted by the Holy Father to every one of the Faithful who on the First or Last Day of the Octave shall receive Holy Communion under the usual conditions.

It is recommended that one decade of the Rosary (at least) be said for the particular intention of each day; also that Holy Communion be received as often as possible during the Octave, but certainly on the First or Last Day of the Octave in order to obtain the Plenary Indulgence.—The Missionary.

## THE HOLY FATHER'S ALLOCATION

The Holy Father, in his reply to the Christmas greetings of the College of Cardinals, summarized the five great plagues that are afflicting the world today and robbing it of the peace and good will which the angel announced as the gifts to man from the new-born King of the nations. These plagues, said the Pontiff, are "negation, authority, hatred among brothers, thirst for pleasure, disgust for work and forgetfulness of the supernatural objects of life." Any sane and thoughtful mind that studiously surveys the revolting state of society at the present day will surely agree with this enumeration.

And the Holy Father, whose discerning eye has so clearly detected the dominant evils from which the world is suffering, is enabled, both by the special grace of his high position and by that Catholic sense which attends the proper development of the Faith in the soul, to prescribe the only effectual remedy to overcome them. These evils, he says, can be cured only by the aid of the Gospel. "To renew all things in Christ," the motto of one of his illustrious predecessors, is but another way of saying what the present Pontiff enunciates in his recent allocation.

The unchangeable Gospel of Christ is the one thing needed in the world today in order to stem the destructive tide of irreligion and immorality that is sweeping over it like an avalanche. Where the Church of Christ is allowed to work her divine way unimpeded, virtue and peace and right order grow up like flowers in her path. She is the only connecting link between frail fallen man and the Godhead, and when this link is broken the multiple evils of religious and social anarchy result. She has been placed in this world by the God-man to preside, like a queen, over the destiny of man and of nations; her face is lit by the light of Heaven and her voice is the voice

of God. Wherever her voice is heard, peace and happiness reign; wherever it is rejected, the demons of hell find a free field for the propagation of evil and discord.

The pestilential plagues enumerated by the Holy Father cannot prevail where the Church holds her divine sway. She inculcates the divine sense and the necessity of authority; she preaches charity among all men and levels before her altars the adventitious distinctions of class and of wealth; she puts a curb on passion, condemns illicit indulgence and sanctifies sacrifice and suffering; she teaches the dignity of labor and shields it from injustice and rapacity; she takes the poor in a special way under her maternal mantle and shows them the many virtues that may attend their poverty; and, above all, she never ceases to send forth her warping admonition to all men to "seek first the Kingdom of God and His justice."

All this the Church has been doing since the Pentecostal day when she began her mission. The "supernatural objects of life" have ever been her one deep solicitude. To the pursuit of these objects she subordinates every other interest in life. Here is the only voice in the world today that can speak with divine authority on the questions that most vitally affect human life. If all men would listen to her and obey her direction there would be no further perplexing problems to be solved. All moral and social difficulties are dissipated in the light of her teachings. History attests the truth of this in an age when the civilized world knelt in homage at her knee.

When will the apostate nations that were torn from her breast by the Reformation begin to realize that she alone is the divinely instituted teacher of the world; that she alone has the solution of all the problems that are now harassing society; and that her divine authority and teachings, together with the rich experience which she has gleaned from the vanished centuries, would soon transform this world into a blessed Utopia, did men but submit their minds and hearts to her?

The neo-paganism of the present day proves once more that the world cannot do without the religion of Christ. What other power is there in the world to stem the several tides of corruption, dishonesty, injustice, irreligion and anarchy that are sweeping away the citadels of our civilization? In the face of the present "negation of authority" laws are futile and our courts have become a mockery. Man has grown so wonted in his lust and avarice that nothing but the divine sanctions of religion can check his mad career.

It may be that our modern world, with all its crying iniquities, will be compelled, in sheer despair, to turn to the Church of Christ to save it from impending dissolution. The decline which began at the Reformation is now fast driving toward the fall. The veneer of Christianity which covers our modern paganism is fast wearing away and all the corruptions which destroyed the ancient civilizations are appearing in all their putrid and abhorrent repulsiveness. What will become of our proud but decadent civilization if the Church of Christ be not permitted to give it?—Catholic Union and Times.

## CARDINAL DUBOIS WARNS AGAINST IMMODEST DRESS

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)  
Paris, Dec. 20.—Cardinal Dubois, following the example of the late Cardinal Amette, is making war on immodest fashions among women and on the craze for unseemly dances. In a pastoral letter read last Sunday in all the churches of the Archdiocese of Paris, His Eminence warns Catholics against the dangers of such fashions and practices.

"We conjure our diocessans to have nothing to do with the fashions of dress which are opposed to Christian decency," Cardinal Dubois wrote. "We remind them that in conscience Christian women and girls should not take part under any pretext in indecent dances which mostly bear exotic names and are of exotic origin."

"We remind confessions that they should apply on these points as on all others the rules of moral theology. We have confidence that the women and girls of our diocese whose spirit of faith, piety and docility we know, will give a good example."

Luxury in dress among the respectable classes of French women is gradually disappearing, and the wild and questionable dances which had a vogue even in polite circles are rapidly losing favor. It is generally believed that the solemn reprobation of the late Cardinal Amette was a powerful influence in banishing these offenses against Christian decorum. Certainly his words were heard and heeded by Catholics, who have responded by frowning down fashions which were condemned as dangerous to good morals.

One of the things we learn from the years is this,—that the surest way to help self is to help others. Also we learn that no call for help should ever remain unheeded,—that is, if we want to be happy. For in this fine business of helping, it is not the other fellow who gets the larger share of the benefit. It's you and I and all who make the effort.—Leigh M. Hodges.

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OBITUARY

LIEUT. FRED J. KIERAN

After an illness of almost a year, Fred J. Kieran died at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, Saturday morning Dec. 18th. Mr. Kieran was twenty-six years of age and held a lieutenant's commission during the Great War, having served with the Royal Naval Air Service and later with the Royal Air Force. He left for overseas during 1917 and returned to his home in February, 1919. He then resumed his position with Almy's, Limited, where he had been assistant superintendent. Soon afterwards, as the result of a crash in England in 1918 during the period of his military service, his health began to fail and in January last he was forced to give up his work and in March he entered the hospital.

He leaves to mourn his loss his mother, Mrs. R. Kieran; one sister, Hazel Kieran; and two brothers, Mark and James Kieran, all of Montreal.

The funeral took place Monday morning from his home, 181 Esplanade avenue, to St. Agnes' Church, and thence to Cote des Neiges Cemetery. Many floral offerings from old associates at Almy's, Limited, and from overseas friends were received.

Lieut. Kieran was a grandson of the late James Hazelton, a prominent citizen of Guelph, Ontario, and a nephew of the late Father Benjamin Hazelton, S.J. He was popular with his associates both in civil life and in the Army, and was much beloved by all for his kind and genial disposition. R. I. P.

DIED

GUNN.—At St. Catharines, Ont., on December 5, 1920, Mrs. W. Gunn, aged fifty-one years. May her soul rest in peace.

TONE.—On Friday, December 17, 1920, at her late residence 7th Concession, West Luther, Margaret Murphy, relict of the late Francis Tone, aged seventy years. May her soul rest in peace.

O'CONNOR.—On Sunday, December 10, 1920, at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, Patrick J. O'Connor, a lifelong resident of Seymour. Funeral took place from St. Mary's Church, Campbellford, Ont. May his soul rest in peace.

I must make myself "better than that about me before I can lift myself out of it. Change alone will not accomplish the purpose. It is character I need, not change.—Gertrude C. Whitney.

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