

FIVE MINUTE SERMON

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY GHOST
These things have I spoken to you, abiding with you...

Who will fail to admire the generosity of God and humbly to adore His divine majesty, for His ends are not of favors in our regard?

This feast of Pentecost recalls to us the fact that God is with us, and the celebration of this feast should urge us to render thanks to our omnipotent Father for His paternal affection and guidance.

In the man without this presence we behold a spectacle of spiritual leprosy. When deprived of it, man is fit only for the place in which God's enemies are exiled...

But it is sin only that keeps God from dwelling within us. Where sin does not exist, He is bound to be; for there He finds an object worthy of His love and He cannot fail to love it.

subdued him and sentenced him to the torment he deserves, so will God conquer the agents of Satan and put to naught the attacks he makes upon us through his followers.

Today, in a special way, we must pray to the Holy Ghost for aid and strength, and also ask that we may be worthy to have His very presence with all His fruits, within us.

The world of plenty and of delight is a temptation to all. Never before as today were so many customs being introduced, amusements indulged in, and new doctrines taught.

GENERAL INTENTION FOR JUNE

RECOMMENDED AND BLESSED BY HIS HOLINESS POPE PIUS XI.

DEVOTION TO THE HOLY GHOST

In the year 1897, Leo XIII. in an Encyclical Letter, "Divinum Illud," sent a message to the faithful throughout the world, urging them to cultivate a greater devotion to the Holy Ghost, the third Person of the Blessed Trinity.

The Holy Ghost—who was promised by our Lord and who was to teach men all things and, "bring to their minds whatever Our Lord had told them" (John xiv, 16), came on the first Pentecost as "the sound of a mighty wind," and in the form of "tongues of fire," to enlighten and strengthen the Apostles and prepare them for their ministry.

Our notions of God the Father are sharp and clear-cut, and we naturally turn to Him in our trials and sorrows. We are familiar with the methods of God the Son; we know the way is open to Him, and as a result He is less loved and honored by us.

It is a glorious past, that of our Church and of our forefathers who fought so nobly for it. But could we ask them to tell us from heaven today how victory came to them, one answer would come from all: "God was with us."

Person of the Holy Trinity, learn more about Him, and thus excite in our souls greater faith and confidence in Him.

The works of the Trinity are indivisible; the one God is the ineffable agent of all that is attributed to the three Divine Persons; but in this great mystery it aids our finite minds to consider the operations of the Godhead as appropriated to each Person according to His character.

And yet notwithstanding His silent methods, the Holy Ghost has not been idle in the world. If His ways and means are hidden, they are evident through the intervening media.

During the Last Supper our Lord told the Apostles that He had asked the Father that the Paraclete should abide with them forever; in other words, that not merely the Apostles but their successors as well should feel His influence in their ministry among souls till time had ceased to be.

It was the virtue infused by the Holy Ghost that strengthened those who suffered for Christ in the first centuries and in every century since. The martyrs who yielded up their lives in testimony of their faith were eloquent witnesses to the efficacy of the work of the Holy Ghost.

It was the inspiration of the Holy Ghost that guided the pens of the early fathers and doctors of the Church, and taught them what they were to say and write for the instruction of future generations.

It was the Holy Ghost who inspired the saints in all ages to despise the world and its vanities and give themselves unreservedly to the service of God.

Even today, the action of the Holy Ghost, though silent, is evident to all who will pause and listen. It is He who puts into the souls of young men and young women the desire to do something, even heroic, for God.

It is the Holy Ghost who inspires men in the crucial moments of their lives; for instance, the sinner, weary of his life of sin and feeling the sting of remorse gnawing at his soul—the sinner who raises his eyes to heaven and cries for mercy—has the Holy Ghost to thank for this redeeming ray of light.

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His inspirations, raises them to lofty heights of perfection.

What a wonderful work is the justification and the sanctification of the sinner! St. Augustine tells us that it is a greater work to bring a sinner back to grace than to create the world out of nothing.

And yet these are the works of the Holy Ghost. Silent though His methods are, the results are evident. Seeing that it is the Holy Ghost who operates in our souls in order to render them more perfect and more beautiful, why not turn to the Author of these wonders, cultivate a devotion to Him, and show Him that we appreciate the graces He showers down so abundantly on men?

Charity, zeal, joy, peace, patience and resignation are the fruits of devotion to the Holy Ghost; need we urge our readers to cultivate a devotion that will help them to acquire virtues so necessary during their lives here below and so beneficial for eternity?

E. J. DEVINE, S. J.

IRISH PROTESTANTS AGAINST PARTITION

Dublin, Ireland.—That the Protestants of the twenty-six Counties of Southern Ireland are daily growing more articulate in their opposition to the Partition of the nation, was illustrated at a recent banquet of "The Companions of St. Patrick," a dinner club in Dublin composed of representative men of all denominations.

There was no boundary in those days and if there were I doubt that St. Patrick would have recognized it.

The Rev. J. L. Morrow, a Protestant clergyman, was another speaker who took the same attitude:

"The irritating division should be ended," he said, "for it is a trouble to both sides. It is socially indefensible. The political arguments for it, I don't pretend to understand."

In the midst of the deliberations of the Boundary Commission, the sudden decision of the Belfast Government to hold a General Election, is generally regarded here as an effort to impress the Commission by an overwhelming Orange victory.

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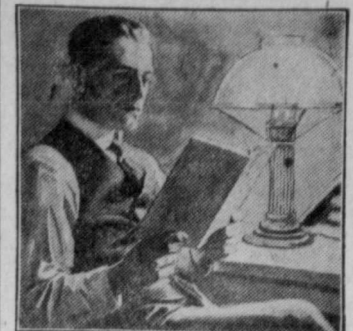


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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

WISHING

Do you wish the world were better? Let me tell you what to do; Set a watch upon your actions, Keep them always straight and true...

PENTECOST

The Holy Ghost came down on the day of Pentecost to give faith, hope and charity to the world, which until then "was sitting in darkness and the shadow of death."

jumped from the engine and attempted to beat out the flames. He asked to be taken to the Allegheny Hospital, operated by the Sisters of Charity.

Then Mr. Eackles requested that the same priest who attended Mr. Welsh be summoned. "I want to die the way John Welsh died," he said.

AGE AND RESPECT

Not enough respect is paid to old age. We are not kind enough nor tolerant enough with the weak and infirm.

We are exasperated when an elderly person holds us up at the ticket office window because failing eyesight makes counting change a slow process.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

GET UP!

Have you had a fall, lad? Get up! Tears won't help at all lad—Get up!

THE JOURNEY'S END

"The little questioner was so surprised at the wise answer, which was far beyond the years of her small companion, that she herself did not venture to question her further."

BLESSING THE WORLD

The impression left on the mind of a child by Benediction is beautifully expressed in an incident told in the Ave Maria.

Little Mabel, though her parents were non-Catholics, was brought up by a good Catholic nurse, who always attended High Mass and Benediction every Sunday.

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Floyd Keeler in America

It would be a serious error to presume that those who are within the fold of the Catholic Church are the only ones who hold any Catholic truth.

AMERICA A SAINT'S NAME

Very few people, even among those who call themselves Americans, have the least idea what is the origin of the name America.

A LITTLE GIRL'S THOUGHTS

"Recently our smallest girls were holding a very lively conversation during recreation time," writes a Sister from one of our schools.

THE POWER OF GOOD EXAMPLE

The example given by John E. Welsh, Baltimore & Ohio Railroad conductor, on his deathbed at the Allegheny Hospital, led to the conversion of his fireman, John W. Eackles, sixty years old, who was fatally injured just one week after Mr. Welsh met death as the result of a railroad accident at Cumberland, Md.

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Christianity through the Catholic Church, and so, outside of work among the Americans and Chinese in Manila, he concentrated his forces upon the head-hunting Igorots of Northern Luzon.

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