











FIVE MINUTE SERMON

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE MAN SICK OF THE PALSY

During the year of His public ministry, our Divine Saviour travelled about Judee, visiting one town after another, in order to proclaim everywhere the good tidings of salvation and to win souls for the kingdom of God.

When the sick of palsy, suffering both physically and mentally, heard that Jesus had cured many others in a condition similar to his own, he felt at once an earnest desire to approach our Lord, and ask of Him health of body and mind.

1. As soon as our Lord perceived his earnest desire to approach Him, and noticed that apparently insuperable obstacles did not deter him, without waiting to be asked for help, He said to the man: "Be of good heart, son, thy sins are forgiven thee."

2. In this way we shall obtain peace and joy of heart. The Pharisees could not understand how our Lord could say to the sick man: "Son, thy sins are forgiven thee," but they saw how, in obedience to Christ's command, the man arose, and joyfully took up his bed, and carried it to his own house.

3. Our Lord conferred a temporal benefit also upon the sick man by healing his bodily disease. He will not abandon His faithful followers in trials affecting their health and worldly concerns; and a Christian who has made His peace with God will naturally work better and more industriously for labor will have more attraction for him when performed for love of God, and his heavenly Father will bestow upon him in abundance His blessing without which nothing on earth can prosper.

reverence of the Virgin has done much to elevate and purify the ideal woman and to soften the manners of men. It has had an influence which the worship of the pagan goddesses could never possess: for these had been almost destitute of moral beauty, and especially of that kind of moral beauty which is peculiarly feminine.

"I am persuaded that the worship (sic) of the Madonna has been one of the noblest and most vital graces of Catholicism, and has never been otherwise than productive of true holiness of life and purity of character. There has probably not been an innocent cottage house throughout the length and breadth of Europe in which the image of the Madonna, and the sanctity of child-hood in unity with that of Christ, became the light of every honest heart and the joy of every pure and chastened soul."

AN ADVERTISER WE CAN VOUCH FOR

The greatest precautions are taken by The Catholic Record to have in its advertising columns only advertising from firms of high standing and reputation. At the same time, it will be readily understood, that in a publication as large as ours, it is impossible to give a personal guarantee for every claim made by our advertisers, although we can vouch for the claims of the majority of them.

One advertiser in whom we have great confidence, and perhaps a greater knowledge of because their factory and head offices are in our home city, is the Sherlock-Manning Piano Company.

It will be remembered that in a recent issue we made mention of the fact that a subscriber from Newfoundland had mailed that firm a cheque for \$400.00, without first investigating the piano he bought—relying upon what he had read of it in our columns.

We have no hesitation in recommending a like course to other subscribers. The Sherlock-Manning Piano is a Canadian-made instrument that need take second place to no piano in the world—as has been proven by recent tests.

THE MADONNA

Lecky, the champion of Rationalism, its eulogist and historian, whom no one can claim to be afflicted with "superstitious credulity" or "Romanizing tendencies," speaks in this fashion: "The world is governed by ideals, and seldom or never has there been one which has exercised a more salutary influence than the medieval conception of the Virgin."

decision of the local or central authorities given for free use by corresponding religious societies. "These decrees look from the churches and religious societies not only their lands, but also their church buildings, schools, monasteries, hospitals and asylums, and give to men who hate religion and despise it, the power of forbidding public religious services. It attempts to put the church under complete control of the State. A later order tempered the certain rigor of the law by advising officials not to offend feelings of the religious. Religious oaths are also forbidden in the courts and no sign of religion is allowed to appear in the government. The net effect is to make the State an atheist state and place even the right to use the churches and hold public services in the hands of State officials, who, though despising religion, are advised not to be too severe. Another law forbids the teaching of religion in all State and public, as well as in private educational establishments in which general subjects are taught."

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

"The Soviet laws on marriage and divorce give further ground for the charge that Socialism is opposed to Christian marriage and the home. The only valid marriage ceremony in Russia is a civil marriage; a religious marriage is not considered a marriage. Marriage is contracted by merely signing a statement that has been contracted voluntarily and that no legal impediments are present. When the marriage is recorded it is legally effective. The divorce law is in keeping with the kind of marriage allowed by the State. It is very lax. All that is necessary is for either husband or wife to want a divorce. A divorce may be obtained by mutual consent by merely having a record of the divorce made. If only one of the parties wants a divorce the local court gives it, and either at the time of the divorce or in a later civil suit decides on the care of the children. Alimony is allowed the wife if she cannot work. "These two laws lead to normal degeneracy. They give color to the old accusation against Socialism that it stands for 'free love'. The border of 'free love' is preached in Bolsheviki Russia."

BOLSHEVISM IN AMERICA

In discussing Bolshevism in the United States the pamphlet points out that "Bolshevism has lately been used very much as an epithet," and that organizations and individuals of all varieties of radical and progressive thought and action have at one time or another during the past year found themselves listed as "Bolsheviki."

"Even the united labor movement has been accused of Bolshevism. Still, when it is recalled that collectivism and the strike are not Bolsheviki, and that not one of the leaders is a Bolsheviki, the accusation is seen to be very groundless. Others say that very many of the rank and file of the labor movement are Bolsheviki, but this is only an assumption.

"The Socialist party itself is not a Bolsheviki organization. Separating from the Socialist Labor party in 1901, it has consistently followed a policy in opposition to the theoretically quasi-Bolsheviki parent organization. During its history it has expelled many local organizations for being, as it thought, Bolsheviki. In so doing it diminished its own membership by half.

"There is one test which decides the question. The Bolsheviki believes in direct seizure of political power. He rejects the ballot and political elections as a method of accomplishing the Socialist revolution. A Socialist who believes that the revolutionary seizure of political power is the first necessary step towards the common ownership and use of the means of production and distribution, is a Bolsheviki. The Socialist party, however, is committed to the use of the ballot to obtain legislation, reform Capitalism, and obtain a Socialist majority in the Government. It is therefore, not a Bolsheviki organization. This idea was frequently repeated during the recent trial of the Socialist Assemblymen at Albany.

"The Plan has frequently been called Bolsheviki, and more frequently, an attempt to set up a railroad Soviet. But it is not Bolsheviki, because it aims at obtaining the public ownership of only one industry through political victory at the polls. Under this plan, though public ownership is widely extended, it is to be obtained by purchase through political legislation, and it leaves still a very wide area for private ownership. For these reasons it is not Bolshevism, or even Socialism.

THE CATHOLIC POSITION

"In the Bishops Program for Reconstruction, published by the National Catholic War Council, we find the following sentence: 'The majority must somehow become owners, at least in part, of the instruments of production.' This

statement shows that the program of the bishops, while opposing Socialism, opposes capitalism also and aims at the extension to the majority of the people of private ownership in the means of livelihood. It aims at a society in which wage earners will also be part owners of the tools and materials with which they work. Involving to a great extent the abolition of the wage system, still it does not propose public ownership of all the means of production and distribution. It rejects capitalism, but, not private ownership. "Bolshevism is not an isolated phenomena. It has its roots in the present scheme of things. It is an angry impatient protest against the economic and social evils of the modern man. It is a bitter cry against Capitalism. Because Capitalism is one kind of private ownership, and the only kind of private ownership many have experienced, men are led in their protest to embrace Socialism. They plan then to build on the ruins of the Capitalist world, a new society based on common ownership. But their angry protest and sharp impatience, their hatred of private ownership and their yearning for a revolution even at the cost of life itself, are the bitter fruits of Capitalism.

"But in the United States at the present time, the demand for common ownership has made only slight headway, while Bolshevism has obtained even fewer adherents. Social unrest is wide and deep, but the people have not yet turned in large numbers to Socialism or to Communism. But if the threat now of a revolution cannot be taken seriously, no one can be certain of the future. For our social unrest can easily grow to revolutionary proportions, unless concerned and far-reaching action is taken to right the economic wrongs which are the soil from which revolution springs."

THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

Our Divine Lord while on earth led a life of sacrifice and prayer. He expected His Apostles to do the same. Yet He understood well their human frailty and provided for it. Often in the midst of his journeying by the lakeside and along the dusty roads of Judaea He looked with compassion upon the tired but earnest faces of His followers and commanded them to "come aside and rest awhile." The Feast of the Transfiguration was pre-eminently such an occasion. Worn out by their wanderings and by their incessant toil the three chosen Apostles, Peter and James and John, were taken by Our Lord up to Mount Thabor. There He showed them the glory of His Divinity. They had been gazing on His human form during all the days of His public ministry. But now for the brief moment He manifested His glory. His face did shine as the sun and His garments became white as snow. On his face was the look, not of earth, but of Heaven. Stunned and dazzled by the sublimity of the vision the Apostles fell down in ecstasy at His feet, and could only exclaim in rapture "Lord it is good for us to be here."

The vision on the mount of Transfiguration sustained the Apostles during many grievous days to come. It was not sufficient to avert the denial of Peter and the desertion of the three favored Apostles on the night of the Agony, but it no doubt brought them back and proved one

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down to earth to inspire us with the same thoughts that animated the chosen three Apostles on Mount Thabor.—The Pilot. Courage, St. Teresa says, is necessary for a person who is striving at perfection; and when you feel lonely, and because I know that often in the midst of many there is

loneliness—loneliness of heart, of sympathy—offer that up to the Sacred Heart. He knows you, and He sees to the very depth of your heart, because He is the Man-God. He can sympathize, He can console, as no other can. When the secret of a blessed life is made plain to us, we see that each one must learn it for himself.—Bishop Spalding.

Advertisement for Hotel Lenox, Buffalo, N.Y., featuring a fireproof building and modern amenities. Includes text: "When You Visit Buffalo", "HOTEL LENOX BUFFALO, N.Y.", and "ALL OUTSIDE ROOMS".

Advertisement for St. Rita's Manual, featuring an image of a statue of St. Rita. Text includes: "LADIES, BOYS AND GIRLS! Spread the Devotion of St. Rita", "Manual of St. Rita", and "CATHOLIC SUPPLY CO. 46 St. Alexander St. MONTREAL".

Advertisement for "What Sinn Fein Means" pamphlet. Text includes: "What Sinn Fein Means", "New pamphlet on Irish Problem out today", "Send 10 cents for a copy to P. O. BOX 2084 MONTREAL, QUE.", and "CATHOLIC SUPPLY CO.".

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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

THE FEW

The easy roads are crowded, And the level roads are jammed; The pleasant little rivers With the drifting folks are crammed. But of yonder where its rocky, Where you get a better view, You will find the ranks are thinning And the travelers are few.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

TINY TOKENS

The memory of a kindly word For long gone by; The fragrance of a fading flower Sent lovingly; The gleaming of a sudden smile Or sudden tear. The warmer pressure of the hand. The word of cheer, The hush that means "I cannot speak, But I have heard."

LOYALTY

There is no more noble human trait than that of loyalty. To be loyal is, first and last, to be true. To be loyal is to love a cause or claim, a person or thing, better far than the personal ego commonly claiming first place—better even than life itself.

YOU WILL BE COMMENDED For living a pure life. For doing your level best. For being kind to the poor. For looking before leaping. For hearing before judging. For thinking before speaking. For harboring clean thoughts. For standing by your principles. For being generous to an enemy. For stopping your ears to gossip. For asking pardon when in error. For being square in business dealings.

KEEP GOOD COMPANY. Keep good hours. Keep yourself busy. Eat moderately. Keep your tongue from evil. Take plenty of exercise. Breathe the pure air. Sleep regularly. Hold lofty ideals. Be in earnest. Be prudent. Be just. Be patient. Be cheerful. Be forgiving. Be noble. Avoid debt. Avoid vulgarity. Avoid scandal. Be ready to help. Be a ray of sunshine. Trust in the Lord.

PRINCIPLES BEHIND CHARACTER

Behind all character there are enduring principles, and it is by these principles, handed on often from sire to son, but developed for the first time sometimes by him in whom they are illustrated, that greatness is nurtured and trust kingship achieved.

THOMAS JEFFERSON'S ADVICE TO A BOY

The following is a letter written by Thomas Jefferson in the eighty-third year of his life and in the year before that in which he died. It was written in answer to a request from a father who had named his son for the immortal Virginian, and who wished his boy to have some memento of him whose name he bore.

BLESSED AMONG WOMEN

(H. X. OR)

It is impossible to understand the logical process by which a professed follower of Christ can come to the conclusion that one of the ways to show his love and respect for his Mother is to ignore her Mother.

It would be manifestly impossible in the limits of a short article to give an exhaustive treatment of the Catholic teaching and practice concerning devotion to the Blessed Mother of the Incarnate God.

They love and honor her as the Mother of God and the greatest of His creatures, but they know that she is only a creature and to give her adoration would be idolatrous.

The boy preached, not exactly the gospel of contentment, for contentment is mainly a passive virtue; but he taught the rarely-mastered art of making the best of it.

THE devotion that Catholics pay to Mary does not in any way detract from the worship that is due to God.

Every prayer and act of devotion that we offer to Mary is ultimately, devotion to God. Our love of her carries us to the love of God whose masterpiece she is.

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Unless we suppose that these early Christians venerated Mary in a special way we cannot explain these phenomena. These early pictures show that within the first fifty years after the death of Saint John the veneration of Mary flourished in the Roman church.

In the Eastern church we have the words of Saint Ignace, the pupil of Polycarp, who was the disciple of Saint John. He calls Mary our most eminent advocate.

It is monstrous to say that God would be jealous of the honor that we pay His Mother. We might as well say that Michael Angelo would be jealous of one who praised the glories of the Basilica of Saint Peter.

The heart of the Son and the Mother are linked inseparably in love, and just so inseparably are they linked in Catholic devotion.

REST

My feet are wearied, and my hands are tired, My soul oppressed— And I desire, what I have long desired— Rest—only rest.

The burden of my days is hard to bear, But God knows best; And I have prayed; but vain has been my prayer For rest—sweet rest.

'Tis hard to plant in spring and never reap The barren yield; 'Tis hard to till, and 'tis tilled to weep O'er fruitless field.

And so I cry a weak human cry, So heart depressed; And so I sigh a weak and human sigh, For rest—for rest.

'Twas always so; when but a child I laid On my mother's breast My wearied little head; e'en then I prayed As now—for rest.

And I am restless still; 'twill soon be o'er; For down the West Life's sun is setting, and I see the shore Where I shall rest.

—REV. A. J. RYAN

THE NEXT TAXI MAN GOT HIS

Fred C. Kelly, the well-known wit and magazine writer, was sitting in his car in front of the New Willard hotel, with his golf cap pulled down over his eyes, waiting for a friend.

"Ten cents!" again replied Kelly. "Ten cents!" exclaimed the astonished traveller. "I don't get you. I've always paid a dollar for this trip."

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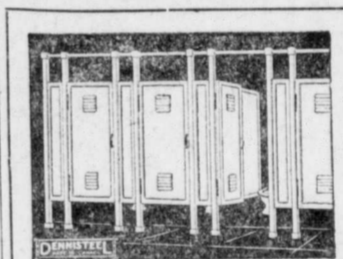
"You mean these are regulations?" "Yes," replied Kelly, enjoying the situation hugely by this time. They'd put me in jail if I charged you any more."

The passenger exploded. "The next time a taxi driver tries to over-charge me I'll beat his block off."

Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and He will teach us His ways, and we will walk in His paths.

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