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OUR EOLY FATHER, LEO.

having consumed its last drop of oil." This is the opinion of Professor expert surgeon and scientist, who re-Leo XIII. on the subject of life and

"I do not want to be understood as loving life for the sake of living," continued the Pope; "yet I love it with a strong feeling of love. Nothing that strong feeling of love, nothing that all is finished I lock the heap of manhappens could lessen my love of ex- uscript in a drawer of my desk, to tstence." Continuing, Leo said, point- which I alone have the key, and that will be ready to battle in the intellec- tended publication. tual arena as long as these bones hold spiritual conquest.

medical examination. At its conclu. It to me for correction. sion he informed His Holiness that he had never seen a person at the brink ished my style and dictation are! As of his ninetleth year whose organiza- a self-corrector I am worse than tion was so little impaired and who Tolstoi, I believe. Pity the poor secwas physically so fit to be at the head retary; he has to do his work three or of an immense community.

into the eye, said:

give me, doctor"

May Reach the Century Mark. "I have no right to pass definite judgment." answered Mazzoni; "but I can say this: 'Your Holiness has soundant health for a man of your age, and your spirits are so fresh. so imbued with youthful vigor, that I do not hesitate to say that you may safely reach your hundredth year, or may even live a longer time for the influence of a hale, striving, working mand on the shell that walks the earth is most beneficial and decisive.""

"I have long thought that," said the Pope, "and I thank God every day that He keeps my head so clear, my mind so free of disturbances. You know, doctor. I have always been a cheerful man-ah. I wish I could make all my out and walk. It does a world of good children, the entire Christian world. nay, all the peoples of the earth believe appetite for dinner. "If I live a thousand years I could etiquette wills it so. as young as I do."

of composing these documents," smuen the Pontiff. "I dare say I waste a "The Pope will not die like one of good deal of white paper by my methus; he will slowly go out like a lamp od. I commence in this way: After baying consumed its last drop of all " thinking out my theme, and while thinking, I put my ideas down on Mazzoni, the great Roman physician. sheets of foolsoap paper, each idea on a different sheet. That done, the real cently had a long conversation with work of composition begins. I have before me a stock of numbered strips death. The Pontiff started the talk by breviated form, the sentences and phrases occuring to me after consult-

ing the original notes. "That takes me four or five days, sometimes a couple of weeks. Afte

ing at his wasted form: "I am above key never leaves my pocket. Then I physical considerations, of course, but dismiss the subject from my mind unmentally am as lively as ever, and I til about ten days previous to the in-

"Now the work of the secretaries out. My love of life is really a love of commences. To one of these I distate the document from my little These words were spoken while Pro- alips. The secretary writes out the fessor Mazzoni was conducting his whole in appropriate form and brings

> "Ah, then I learn how little four times over before the original is

The Pope smiled. When the ser-approved of. The original is, of course vants had finished dressing him he dis- in Italian. This my secretaries transmissed them with a kindly motion of late into Latin, and the transcript bethe hand, and looking Mazzoni straight ing made I work the whole thing over to give it a classical finish. It has to "And how many more years do you be done quickly, though, for, as you know, my audiences begin at 10:15 A. M.

Outdoor Exercise. "When my last visitor or pilgrim h gone I think of my health again. Man's organism requires a plentiful circulation of the blood, and exercise is the thing to send it through all parts of the body, including the brain. 'Have your brains well flooded with blood,' said a physician to me fifty years ago, and it will never lack elasticity.' I sit down in my Sedan chair and some of my good fellows carry me into the garden. I don't have to descend staircases. When I am in God's free nature my lungs expand and my limbs stretch. Every little while I get and the little walks gives me a healthy

"Like the centern of

"And how well he employs his hours of recreation. In the consciousness of his infallibility he might summon to him people who simply report things as they have happened. Not so Leo. He is after opinions, and he will not see a man twice who slavishly indorses the Pontiff's ideas against his own judgment.

"Leo delights in disputes; he loves to hear the truth, even if it's opposed to his own notions. Then his eyes sparkle: he smiles and encourages the speaker in every way possible. It's true recreation because it's mental gymnastics. Leo takes a human interest in his fellow-men and it seems to me that he sets humanity above doo-

trise. The survey has the entering and the "I told His Holiness that I couldn't say how long he might live. My private opinion is this: Some morning

the good Plo will find him dead at his desk, his little writing glove in his benevolent hand, a smile upon his lips; and maybe the document he was working on is an epoch-making encyclical or poem; or maybe he will be found dead with his hands folded in prayer At all events, it will be a painless death, a beautiful one."-The Cathelio Mirror.

THE TWO CONVERSIONS.

Years ago there lived in Paris an ald colonel who had retired from the army; he was a man of honor, true to his friends, and upright in his conduct, but totally indifferent to religion. He had a wife and daughter, who prayed uncensingly that the grace of conversion might be wouchsafed to a soul so dear to them. Among the few that Insquented the colonel's little spartment in the Due Du Bao, was an old brother officer, who dropped in every other evening to play whist or talky over the exciting scenes of former

4878. Our veteran foll ill-dangerously ill; his wife and daughter could not shut their eyes to the fact that the end was drawing near, yet they dared not broach the subject of the last sacraments; for he had firmly and repeatedly intimated that he would not be interfored with on that point. They only prayed more fervently and, when the old commade came to inquire for his friend. Chey told him the sad truth. and begged him to urge the patient to

CATHOLIC NOTES.

The collection for our Holy Father. Les XIII Occupier Sixth Place Aming the As And Admini Dever Was Take taken up in the Paulist Church, New York, amounted to \$500.

At the unveiling of the statue of Edgar Allan Poe in the Virginia University recently, a poem by the Rev. Fauher John E. Tabb was read,

Bishop MoGavior, auxiliary to Arch bishop Fechan, has returned from Europe. His bealth is restored.

Of the twenty-seven artists who con tributed their services toward the Dewey memorial arch, nineteen were Catholics.

Archbishop Kain administered Confirmation to mine converts at Bonne Terre, Mo., on October's last Sunday.

At the convention of the Priesta Bucharistic League held in Philadelphia, St. Louis was named as the place for holding the next convention.

Archbishop Chapelle, apostolio delegate to the Philippines, will say nothfinds that three Popes lived to the ape that he expected to sail for Manila by of 88; five to 81; five to 80; two to Th; ing of his Philippine plans, except one of the United States army trans. four to 77; one to 76; one to 74, and ports, probably the Sherman, early in lived four to 70 years of are. The others lived from 50 to 76 years.

December. . . . Rev. Thomas E. Sherman, S. J., has tion. The longest reight are: written four sermons which are pubished in a little brochure called "Mission Tracts." The subjects are "signed 34 years and \$ months, "The Old Religion," "The Church." 2, Plus IX. (1846-1878) reig 2. Plus IX. (1846-1878) reigned "The Real Presence," and "The Rule years, 7 months and 22 days, of Faith " years, 7 months and 14 days."

to 20,000 German Catholic families in years 10 months and 17 days. There is now being sent broadcast this country and Borope a booklet the years 5 months and 6 days. cbjest of which is to induce the im. 5. Alexander XMI. (1151-1181) related od 31 years 11 months and 23 days. northern Wisconsin.

7. St. Bilvestro I. (\$14-\$35) reigned 28 . . . rears ten months and 27 days. Cardinal GIDbons left recently for

Cardinal Gibbons left recently for a Leo XIII. up to October 18, 1905. New Orleans, La., where he was to hes reigned 21 years 7 months and 20 officiate at the marriage of als alsos days. Miss Katharine Gibbons, a daughter Another fast in this respect is, that Republic to Grant of his brother. Mr. John T. Gibbons, being consecrated Archbinkop of Later Salary Christian who is a prominent resident of New lats on January 27, 1848, at the see of same salary and

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Longest Lived Pontiffer The Archpriest Pietro Placenza, Mis- From the time Admiral Dewer A ten days' mission by Augustinian Fathers Green, Leonard and Ryan opened at St. Cecelia's, Pottaville, Pa. the "Paleatra del Clero" on the long evity of the Fopes, to supply on thit subject a series of intereating facts, and to Cetholice separation the outcome of his studies and is the approaching event of unuma searches.

Now the following is the place he on would be accompanied by a of the contracting partice, but in the respect the goesipe were documed in disappointment. The most pronos atmplicity characterized the whole RODA MORE TO LARE CALLOUGE, WHE line in the prorymont of Matrix

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searches.

His Holineas Leo. XIII, was born on word member of 2. Peal's songe March 3, 1810, and was elected Pope on Hon. Washington, D. C., and an February 20, 1878; Thus, on Eutoper mate friend of its pastor, the 18, 1899, he had reached the are of \$9 James F Mackin. 18, 1899, he had reached the are in all was thought by manar, mar years, 7 months and 16 days, and 21 It was thought by manar, mar years, 7 months and 28 days of Bon. Washington Church Name that years, 7 months and 28 days of Bon. Washington Church Name that

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THE OLDEST POPES.

cupies in the order of the longest. commensurate with the social stands lived Popes:

1. St. Agatho, died in 682/ aged 107 Years,

2. Gregory IX., died in 1311, aged 98. 2. Gelestine III., died in 1195, aged 92 fair, yet withal there was a brand 4. Gregory XII., died in 1471, aged 91, possisction with it which will be 5. John XXII., died 1534, aged 90. preciated by manufale propie. the 6. Leo XIII., on October 18, 1899, counts 89 years, 7 months and 16 days. It may be noted have that Plus IX. contract of a disine sature whose days seemed very long, died in should only he extered into with 1578, at the age of 15 years 3 months willing bediting the sector and 26 days. Propeeding in this study the author beau one put sounder.

4. Adrian I. (771-795) reigned.

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Wary of Doctors.

ness may rest assured we physicians menu the day after I achieved the can do little or nothing for you. We tiara. stand aghast before the pleasing phe- I had to be very severe with him nomenon of young old age buoyed up on that occasion. Pio.' I said, by work and unshaken by serious stomach of Leo has not grown since C&T28."

7when quite a young student I read peptic." Hufeland's celebrated work. "The Art of Prolonging Life,' then just published, and I agreed with the German by idle curiosity. "I ask for science's professor that the mere prolongation sake," he said, "and beg that your Hoof life would be quite a useless undertaking, and that above all one must have something to live for. If one has something to live for, then one must try to put off the growing old as long as possible, and that is what I have done.

"Again, I have always kept my stomach under strict control. Man's digestive organs usually begin to degenerate after his 50th year, and the more one has abused his stomach the quicker, the more painful the degeneration.

Well, my diet has been the same as student, chaplain, bishop, diplomat, governor, archbishop, cardinal and Pope. I have never eaten more than was necessary to build up and sustain my constitution. Most people have no idea how little man needs to keep from starving."

Simple Food.

The Pope next explained his daily wants in the way of food. For breakfast, served immediately after mass -this latter is celebrated in Leo's priwate house chapel, the last and largest of the suite of five rooms inhabited by him-for breakfast he has a cup of coffee and two or three rolls, which he slowly munches while going over his correspondence, and seeing his privy secretaries, who give an epitome of the news.

"This is all the fuel I need for seversoon as I am through with my gentleman," continued Leo. "Ah," he inter-rupted hlmself, "but there is one impediment already, which I have never mentioned to you. I can't hold the pen long in my hand without overstraining my muscles. · So some mechanical genius has constructed for me a sort of writing glove, the manipulation of which does neither tire nor irritate me. It's a great success and it beats the typewriter. I am not against the typewriter though. I think its thropy-all interest him; he stands in use undignified. We ought to be thankful for every labor-saving machine; yet when a man is unable to do his accustomel task with one hand, how can he employ two?"

A How He Writes.

Mazzoni asked whether the Pope now, as in former times, wrote his encyclicals and briefs himself. "Ob. there is no secret about my w

the Pope cats alone, as you know-My meal connever thank God sufficiently for this sists of a good soup, a roast, green vegunmerited favor-the endowment with stables, fruit, and a small bottle of red a blithe and contented temperament wine. The menu never varies, except As I look back upon my life I see its on fast days. Of course, my good Deodifferent enochs as if reflected in a ple would like to make me a glutton. clear mirror. Of course the glory of it If I had my own will I wouldn't all is God's but I take a little credit to spend above a lire for my dinner daily myself, too, and am proud that I feel but it's nearer three lives now, things have so gone up in prices! Pio says so

and it must be true, though the old The Pope then said that, although rascal -the best heart in the worldhe valued medicine most highly, ne cannot be entirely trusted where my had little use for doctors, whereupon comfort is concerned. He actually Mazzoni made answer: "Your Holi. proposed the addition of a sweet to my

the yesterday. We may stick to the old "Well," said the Pope thoughtfully habit. I have no desire to die a dys-

> Professor Mazzoni assured the Pope that his questions were not prompted liness be pleased to tell me whether, you take a long rest after dinner. as is customary with old people?" Afternoon Nap.

"Oh. yes," answered Leo, "I steal sundown. When the lights are on my due. real season for recreation begins. Then I receive members of the family and personal friends, and we have many a priest in Paris." good chat. At 9:30 o'clock I retire to tell my beads. Then supper-a glass of warm milk, a slice of bread and him to come." roast meat, and a little cheese sometimes. When that is over I seek my desk again and work till midnight or longer."

Professor Mazzoni says he never saw such subjugation of matter to spirit as in the case of the Pope. "Outwardly." he says, "he looks a broken-down old him." gentleman, but the ideas that sway him, the love of duty and performance truth, even with the best motive." that is his second nature keeps his blood traveling through his veins and keeps his whole being alive. If he ing apparatus would in all probability to me." be out of order, his heart would not act with such surprising regularity as it does. As it is, with these two organs I am not prepared." al hours' desk work, which ensues as going, every bit of food he takes becomes fuel for the living fire, and the encouragingly; "I will prepare you. Furthermore, one of his sone has be

> clearest; there is absolutely no sign of to a prie-dien. degeneration of brain cells. Medicinally speaking, Leo is a wonder. Interest in Affairs.

"He told me: 'Everything that concerns humanity concerns me.' He takes the greatest and most intelligent interest in every nation's life. Politics, science, literature, art, philanthe centre of all useful movements, That, however, would not suffice to keep him in health if he hadn't slways been a most moderate liver, if his whole life hadn't been regulated by the

most minute system and order. couple of fried eggs, served on a lit. tle table resplandent with beautiful linen, crystal and plate is a whole ban quet to him, as it should be to every

At first the edhoer Matened to the pleaded his inability to execute such a commission, as he himself was not a practical Catholle-indeed he feared withstand any longer such an appeal friends and relations who are suffering And although the burden of years to his friendship, he yielded, and from the loss of dear ones. One of the lies on Leo, XIII, the brilliance of his entered the sick chamber, while the pious women knielt outside the door with throbbing hearts, awaiting the result. After a few preliminary remarks the old officer summed up courage.

"I fear, my dear feilow." he began abruptly, "you are in a bad way. If I were you I would go to confession." "Nonsense! You go to confession." "As true as I am standing here I would not hesitate."

"But I don't know any priest." "Never mind. I'll send one I knowmy confessor. He is the right sort of a man I am, sure you will be greatly pleased with him."

"Very well, then; send him to me." The officer triumphantly left the room and announced the good tidings

to the anxious wife and daughter. half an hour every afternoon from They could scarcely believe in so commy duties for a nap, because it re-plete and speedy a success, and freshes me wonderfully. Then I re heartily thanked the kind friend, to turn to my desk to work until after whose courageous intervention it was of 20,000 farnes for the best literary

> "But I am in a plight," he said; "the truth is, I don't know a single into French and presented to it before "Go to the saintly Abbe S----- ch-

rate of St. Germain des Pres, and ask He lost no time in fetching

sacristy of the church and to whom, he explained the case.

you know me-that you are my confes- will support it. sor. That will make things easy for

"But, Monsieur, I cannot tell the un-"Then the whole affair will be a fail. TITE.'

"It can be easily settled if you will wasn't such a joyful man his breath- kneel down and make your confession Jesuits in the Rue de Madrid. Down

"You don't mean this very minute? We are in too great a hurry. Besides, tor of the district having lost his "It will not take long," said the Abbe parish priest of Granges-Goutardes. change of matter in the body is never And opening the door of a small room come a monk in the Trappist foundation

> The soldier somewhat reluctantly knelt down. The good priest helped him to examine his conscience, excited his contrition, and he soon rose from his knees; another man; he warmly thanked the Abbe S-, who prepared to set out at once for the house of the colonel. In the exuberance of his joy, the convert also finstened to the Rue du Bac, and reached the sick bed be-

fore the priest. "The Abbe S---- is coming," he said. "Ah my dear friend, after confession will you tell me how happy you feel!" That evening the dying man was

ans. Miss Gibbons was educated 32 request with undisguised coldness, he at St. Joseph's Academy, . Emmits- of all the Bishops of Christendow, and burg, Md.

At Mass in St. Mary's Gathedral 10 the most anoisnt in the Cardinalise. be had quite lost his faith. Not dis- Halifax, N. S., on a recent Sunday having been elected by Plus IX. en couraged by these excuses the two Archhishop O'Brien asked for the fer- December 19, 1853. The Bishop was dadles besought him more carnestly vent prayers of his congregation for follows next the Pope in the order of and with tears, assuring him that this the wounded, suffering and dying sol- time is Mgr. Joseph George Strostaferwas their last resource. Unable to diers in South Africa and for the sr. Atchbishop of Sirmin.

promised to do the best he could. He misfortunes of war, said the Archigh. mind seems to have suffered no deop, is that those who are responsible cline. An indication of this is furfor it do not go to the front.

THE CHURCH ABROAD.

Lord Gerard, one of the noblemenmicers gone out to the Transvial, is a Catholic, the Gerards being one of the oldest Catholic families in Lanca- They are, says one account, the most shire.

reach, attends with marvelons dill. Nearly all the British coldiers who lost their lives in the storming of lic. Church, and, as a solace in the kence to the government of the Cathe-Glencos were Catholics. says the "London Catholic Times."

The learned Catholic historian, Dr. The learned Cátholic historian, Dr. acquired such fair fame. "Protoune cose the Pastor, professor of history at the Uni- thoughts, most noble conceptions are in News versity of Innsbruck, has been appointed by the Emperor of Austria Councillor of the Imperial Court.

The Institute of France offers a prize foundly practized in the art of the best Latin poets .-- New Ers. production on St. Francis of Assist and his order written in or translated December, 1902.

Some time this month the new Poringuese College will be inaugurated at. the Rome. It will open with a dozen, or Abbe S-, whom he found in the little more, of students for the priesthood, sent by the Bishops of Portugal who have all adhered to the proposal

"Monsieur l'Abbe, you must say that of founding this institution and who

There have been some remarkable instances of occlesiastical vocations in-France of late. A few years since a father and son celebrated mass together, served by youthful members of the family, in the chapel of the near Montelimar, where President those of Cuban and Spaniards." Loubet comes from, a landed propriswife, studied for orders, and he is now

interfered with. His brain is the reserved for confessiona he pointed tion at Alguebelle, and another is secular priest in the parish of Tulette ****

> Martin L. Sweet, former mayor of Grand Rapids, Mich., and for years accounted the richest man in the State, is now earning his living by tending the city garbage crematory.

The engagement ring of the Princese of Wales is set with six different of the battle of Manlin, was united in stones, the intitial letters of which the bouts of boly matrimony to kine. form the name of "Bertle," the pet Mildred Haren As is custormary with name of the prince among his own Catholics, the bride received Holy family and friends.

William Dean Howells does not bedays, and expired in the most consol-ing sentiments of rependance and grati-tude for the supreme grace of the last turde for the supreme grace of the last ature in a way. My inclination was to sing water will relat them to write

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nished by the publication of his latest to san Francisco while will Latin poems, written in various dry norsy. He founded tig ar cumstances and for special occasions. woolisn house of Mary In Udine the elegant volume, "Leonie Co., and cashe back to XIII. P. M. Carmins nuperrime edita. 1986 to represent the cost 金、松、彩 Udine, tipographie del Patronaba, att. the sign and sign and the first made its appearance. They are, says our school Holy Father. Church of the Bi recent Latin verses of the Holy Father. Church of the Bi who, at an age which very few men

very grave cares of his sublime minia-1.0 iry. Inde occasion to cultivate postry, n which for so many years past he has manifested with that good tasts and and with

lightness of touch," says another Gales critic, "with that style by which se state might appear that Leo XIII. was pro-19 General James R. O'Beirne, who was in Baltimore Md. last week, has re-ceived a letter from Father Craft dehe had t scribing the funeral of the Rev. Mother aroladiooasa Mary Anthony, Assistant general of

the Congregation of American Indian Sisters. She died on Sunday, October 15, while attending services in the chapel at Pinar del Rio, Cube. She fenance of Ame was burled October 17 by United Elates

soldiers. Father Craft writes: "I read the burial service, the same danly towboys, as for a soldier. The firing party fired worked, but as three volleys over the grave and the mane people bugler sounded 'tape.' She was much beloved by the soldiers whom she had nursed back to health at the metrices wounded, a mingled their tears and prayers with Mother Anthony was a grandaughter of Chief Spotted Tail and grand-ulece of Chief Red Cloud

sigion of the pastoral residence of St. Paura All States and a sub-Church, this city, easy the Washington,

Church News, has become filstoric. It will hereaffer be regarded with unusual Dr. 11 interest by citizens of all denominations, and there will centre around if for many years to come memories of an event which took place within its walls last. Thursday morning, when Admiral George Dewey, the highest naval officer in the world, and the herow

Communion at one of the early more ing masses at St. Paul's on Wednesday

and at 10 o'clock on Thursday more

