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Synopsis of Previous Chapters. Chapter I - Edward Daton, of America, whil visiting in Ireland falls in love with Agnes Con tin, a poor Catholic girl fhomas Conlin, Agnes cousin, who is soon to be ordained a priest notice a screent ring on her finger and when told it is a serpent ring on her higher and when took in her engagement ring he tries to persuade he not to marry this Protestant stranger. She however, refuses and is married by the of parish priest after which they depart for the strangers beautiful home in Boston Chapter II. Thomas Coulin is ordained and comes of Ame ica as a missionary and arrives at his cousin's home. There he learns that while his cousin has wealth and luxury she was not happy. He husband had selected a circle in which she was to move and as it was strictly Protestant he said that she might give up her superstitions and become a member of h.s. church He would not even allow her to attend a Catholic church. She would no. gratily him however and wher Father Conlin arrived she insisted that he hear her confession and baptize her little baby son her confession and baptize her little baby son, who had just been born. Father Could goes away with his secret. Agnes dies a week after. Mr. Daton marries again, a rich Protestant woman, and his son is brought up a Protestant When Edward is eight years old his father dies. Chapter III and VI—Cecclia () Kane an orphan, who lives with her sister Nellie, is engaged by Mrs. Daton as companion Her step-son, Edward fails in love with this Catholic girl, Cecelia, and marries her against the wishes of his step mother Chapter V-Cecelia is married eight years and has three children all of whom die and she and Mr Daton are left childless. Chapand she and Mr Daton are left childless. Chap-ter VI--Altera lapse of seven and a half year-we find Mr and Mrs Daton again happy with a daughter Cecella, who is about to celebrate her seventh birthday. Chapter VII--The hus-band, of Nellie O Kane, now Mrs. Cullen, dies and she is left a widow with one child, Agnes. Mr. Daton adopts her niece and brings her Mrs Daton adopts her niece and brings her up with her own daughter. Chapter VIII and IX—Cecelia and Agnes are sent to a convent school. The grandmother is very much opposed to this and reproaches her daughter-in law. Chapter X—Mr. Daton is suddenly taken sick and Cecelia is called home from school. Chapter XI and XII—Cecelia and Agnes graduate and a grand reception is given them. Mrs. Cullen while at her sister's home it taken ill. Cecelia and her grandmother have a dispute over religion. ner sister's nome it taken ill. Cecella and hel grandmother have a dispute over religion Chapter XIII—Mrs Cullen recovers and remains at Daton's horn. Chapter XIV—Cecella tells her mother that she intends entering the con promises to remain at home one more year chapter XVI—Ceclia and her grandmother are visiting in a distant city when a terrible fire treaks out, making many homeless. Chapter XVI—Cecelia visits the prisoner, Charles Coon who started the fire Chapter XVII—Grand-mother Daton tells her grand-daughter that she has been convinced that the Catholic church is the only and true church and Mrs Daton be

Part Second-Chapter 1 Allyn St Clair, an Part Second—Chapter I Allyn St Clair, an infield, meets Cecelia and falls in love with her Chapter II—Allyn St Clair accidently finds a book belonging to Cecelia entitled "Following of Christ" He reads it and becomes interested. Chapter III—Allyn and the manager attend the sings. Chapter VI—Allyn asks Cecelia to marry him and sne refuses. Chapter V—Mrs Cullen discovers that Charles Coon, a criminal, is her long lost brother. Chapter VI Allyn St Clar visits at Cecelia Daton's home. Chapter VII ter VIII - Cecelia who is about to receive the well is told by the superior that she has no voca tion and she returns to her home

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CHAPTER X.

Having spoken thus plainly to him. her mind was easier. She could now look into his face with more c nfidence and thereafter she smiled from time to time in his presence. She seemed to take more interest, too, in the pretty home he had bought for her very near Innisfallen, and Maurice felt that she was really learning to love him, as she had promised. But love had made him blind; the smile that looked so sweet was to a certain extent feigned for his sake, and while to all exterior too weak to sit up. Her mother appearances Cecelia was growing happier, the canker was eating deeper into ner heart, until she began to fear that she could not keep up until it was that she was not hungry and went

As the wedding day approached great preparations were being made for the event, which Mrs Daton planed to celebrate on the grandest scale. There was so much to be done that she could not possibly think of superintending it all alone, so grandmother, Aunt Nellie and even poor, heroic Agnes herself were called upon to render assistance. The furnishing of the new house, which Mr. Daton had insisted upon doing as a present to the bride, was of no small importance, and Cecelia was expected to superintend that herself. But she left it all to the others, on the plea that she considered the good taste of those who had been housekeepers for years far better than her own. Her true motive was that it made her too sad to visit the home which she was to occupy as a married woman. When all was complete she went alone with Agnes to see it.

"How lovely everything is," said her cousin, "and how happy you ought to be here.

"I hope Agnes, that I shall be."

said Cecelia, absently. "You hope! Don't you know you will?" said Agnes. "Who could be otherwise than happy in such a home and with such a good, kind husband?

Really, Cecelia, I envy you." Agnes had put far more spirit into her words than she had intended, but it was too late now to take it back, and she hoped that her cousin had not noticed it. Cecelia was not so blind as she appeared for she saw through it in really did envy her. But the brave girl, quickly turning the subject, caused her to forget it until weeks

afterwards. Cecelia's first impulse

was to tell Agnes that she wished she then stood beneath an arch of pure but she refrained from it as a remark | menced. unbecoming one almost on the eve of her wedding day.

Cecelia had desired that the marriage be quitely performed at an early Mass and that only a few nearest relatives be admitted to the wedding breakfast. Her motives were, first, that she considered the holy dignity of the sacrament which should not, she believed, be turned into a grand social function; her second and less important reason was that she did not wish to stand in public before many strangers who might make unkind remarks about her marrying so soon after leaving the convent. But Mrs. Daton would hear none of her objections; she had but one daughter to be married, and she should have a wedding befitt ing the social position of herself and the groom. The young people could have their Mass at an early hour and receive Communion if they wished, but the wedding must be at an hour convenient for every one to attend. In this she remained firm, in spite of the protestations both of Cecelia and of the priest whom she sent to her mother to speak to her of the efficacy of the nuptial Mass which forms so important a factor in every true Catholic marriage.

The wedding morning dawned clear and bright, with a promise of a glorious sunshiny day such as brides love to see, for they seem to foreshadow a life of unbroken bliss. Determined to leave nothing undone by which to bring God's blessing upon her marriage, Cecelia had made a novenna to the Mother of Perpetual Help, begging her to quiet her troubled mind and make her happy, but the girl was anything but happy when her mother awoke her in the morning saying:

"Come, Cecelia, arise. This is your comes a convert Chapter xVIII—Mr Daton is in fear of losing all he has and Cecelia goes on wedding day, and you have but half an hour to get ready for Mass."

"Yes, mother, "said the bride-elect, pressing her hand to her forehead. "What is the matter, Cecelia?" red her mother.

"My head aches, but I think it will paes away soon."

"Let me get you one of my headache tablets. They never fail, and you must be perfectly well to day."

"I cannot take it, mother. Have you forgotten what I am to receive this morning?'

In a few minutes she was in the family carriage on her way to the church, where Maurice awaited her, and together they knelt at the altar to receive the bread of life, Cecelia earnestly praying in one breath that God would give her love for her husband; which he deserved, and in the next wishing that something might happen to prevent the marriage. But it seemed useless now. Returning home, she scarcely tasted the dainty breakfast prepared for her. Her head now ached violently and she was almost warned her that if she did not try to eat something she would be taken ill on her wedding trip, but she replied with her grandmother to view the beautifully decorated parlors and the costly presents that were laid on a table of highly polished rosewood in the drawingroom. Then she went to her room to rest for a few minutes be-

was to take place at 12 o'clock. Merrily sounded the wedding bells Cecelia had been baptized, and just at the stroke of 12, broad white satin breathing continued. ribbons having been drawn across the seats in the middle aisle, a hush fell upon the fashionable assemblage, broken by the sound of the wedding march. Slowly down the aisle came the ushers, then four tiny girls in white carrying great bunches of delicate white flowers and ferns. Agnes, in an elaborate robe of white silk and lace, with a white tulle hat trimmed with lilies of the valley and carrying a bouquet of the same flowers, care next, and last of all the bride on the arm of her father. Cecelia wore a splendid satin gown with a long train,

a flowing veil of old lace which had been in the Carroll family for years and had been sent as a wedding gift from the groom's mother, who had no up. She must be saved." daughter of her own to wear it. They were met at the altar by Maurice and his cousin, who acted as best man.

It was a moment of supreme happiness for Mrs. Daton, for though she dared not turn her head, she knew that hundreds of eyes were fixed admiringly upon her daughter, as before the arrival of the bridal party they a moment and suspected that Agnes had been centered upon the great had been centered upon the great get entirely well, and I fear that you he not been rich and I only a peor against their own souls and abundance of rare and beautiful get entirely well, and I fear that you he not been rich and I only a peor against the spiritual welfare of their flowers and palms which made the sanctuary resemble a tropical garden. The pair knelt in fervent prayer,

were the bride-elect instead of herself, white flowers and the ceremony com-

CHAPTER XI.

For several minutes the voice of the priest as he read in a low tone the preliminary passages of the beautiful marriage service was the only sound heard in the vast edifice. All even were rivetted upon the group at the sanctuary rail. Without interruption the ceremony proceeded to where the contracting parties were called upon to pronounce the fateful "I will." Raising his voice so that it was clearly audible in every part of the sacred young soul to meet its Creator. structure, the priset asked:

"Wilt thou, Maurice Carroll, take Cecelia Daton, here present for thy lawful wife?"

"I will," came the answer, in a firm

"Wilt thou, Cecelia Daton, take Maurice Carroll, here present, for thy lawful husband!"

The ears strained to catch the bride's response were strained in vain. Cecelia was silent There was a slight movement of her lips, but they emitted no sound. Signs of agitation were apparent in the group at the altar rail, and almost immediately the congregation were similarly affected.

"Answer 'I will ", the priest was heard to say.

But Cecelia heeded him not. Her eyelids drooped and Maurice put out his arm to support her, but she had fallen into the arms of Agnes Mr. Daton sprang forward and, raising her, partly carried her to the sacristy, followed by the members of the family. Some thought that it was only a faint brought on by tight clothing and the heat of the day. The family physican, 77ho was present, was called and then they waited anxiously, hoping to hear that the ceremony would soon be continued. After a lapse of a few minutes however, the priest came out from the lieved to have been the voice of an and Sadducess—Then they understood sacristy.

"Miss Daton," he announced, 'has been taken suddenly ill, and unfortun. free. Do not give up hope." ately her marriage must be postpon-

The disappointed friends quickly dispersed, the first to leave the church being just in time to see the bridal carriage drive away with the still unconscious bride; then they went to their homes, deeply regretting that think of Maurice, for her sin of jealous | St. Paul truly understood the exclusive they were to have no part in the wedding feast awaiting the guests at In-

Obedient to the last, Cecelia had gone to the altar of sacrifice only to have her cross removed in the moment when all seemed lost.

What was supposed to be only a fainting fit which would soon pass away was the messenger which suddenly announced the begining of a preparations for a funeral. For many days Innisfallen was a place of sadness. Scarcely a sound could be heard as the decorations were taken from the pretty parlors and the room containing the wedding gifts closed to await what might come Not a member of the family dared to speak above a whisper when near Cecelia's room. But their voices would not have disturbed her, for after recovering from her fainting fit she had looked up to fore dressing for the wedding, which see Maurice standing near and gazing lovingly upon her, and his face had been the only one she saw before relapsing from the tower of the church where into a lethargy closely resembling death excepting that her heavy

> "It is a peculiar case," said the physican, "brought on by an overstrain on her weak nerves. The excitement of preparing for the wedding has done

But he would not tell that he strongly suspected some great secret whisper Agnes told her mother what cipline are required for the acquisition mental anxiety which had threatened she had resolved never to reveal to of ecclesiastical knowledge and for the to undermine Cecelia's reason as well any living being. as her health!

"Do you think she will recover?" asked Mrs. Daton.

"That is uncertain. I am in hopes that she will, but it can do no harm to send for the priest and be prepared for whatever may happen "

"Do not tell me.doctor, that Cecelia

"I shall do all in my power for your daughter, Mrs. Daton, but I canpot promise to save her and thought best to prepare you for the worst."

To Maurice, who came to him with a sad, pleading face, the physican dared not speak thus plainly. He told him that he had hopes of saving her. "But, my dear young man," he said, "it will take a long time for her to instead of taking one in June."

'It will not be long to wait if I am sure of her then."

"Young man, you have my best wishes, but we are never certain of no- wrong." thing in this life,'

The words haunted Maurice for many a day. He had a vague presentment that even if her life were to be spared, there might cone a separation from her worse than death.

The priest came and was grieved to see one so young and fair so near to death. He was glad that she had re ceived the sacraments of penance and holy communion with such fervor on the eve of her illness; but little re-

inquire for her whose life hung by so that time has proved is dear to you, and slender a thread. He was allowed to always elicits your warmest sympathies. steal softly into the room and look at and receives most generous help. Inher, but it was little consolation for can present to his faithful people more him. She knew him not. Another deserving of support, and that appeals fact that contributed to his unhappi more strongly to their sense of duty side and seemed annoyed at his pre- their families. sence. She would never look in his face. He could not understand it. Christ himself. The priest is another He had ever looked upon her as a dear friend who would be dearer still fice; to dispense the holy sacraments; to when he could call her cousin. But preach the word of God; to admonish Agnes' secret was still hidden and no and rebuke; to console and encourage;

Remorse for what? Nothing, poor priesthood, but the priesthood, which He girl, for which she was to blame, for established and illustrated in His own Agnes, as before stated, had done all in her power to overcome her feelings towards him, but as she had heard him speak the one word which would have out to the humblest and up to the highmade him Cecelia's husband she had eet and most exalted; it cares for rich felt herself growing cold with jealousy, solicitude for the sheep of the fold, and it had seemed in that moment which it tends, watches over, protects that she could not survive the ordeal. and sheilds from harm. It required all of her courage to await Cecelia's answer, but when that word young and the ignorant, He had words of was not spoken and the girl fell into severity and reprobation for hypocrites, her arms her strength was revived. Scribes, Pharisees and Sadducses. He Quickly something which she now beevil spirit seemed to whisper.

It was a sweet thought, but when If Cecelia were dead she could never scattereth.'

Nearly a week passed and still Cecelis showed no signs of throwing off and through all, and in us all, her stupor. Agnes and her mother

wishes to know how Cecelia is."

able to tell more about her." Agnes had dropped her head at the mention of Maurice's name, and her mother, who had noticed it, as she had on a few previous occasions, said:

whenever Maurice Carroll comes here or his name is mentioned?"

"Do I, mother? I was not aware of t." and her face turned crimson. 'You do, Agnes, and I cannot help feeling that there is cause for it."

control herself longer, began to weep.

kindly. "Please tell me." In tones scarcely louder than a

Then my own daughter, whom I extracted and cast off, leaving behind thought so happy, has been suffering the fine and purified metal. This refine and I never suspected it."

"What good would it have done, ishment for my own folly, and it would training and disciplining of a candidate will keep them ascending from is in such danger! I cannot give her have been better to have continued to have suffered in silence until time a young man than to try to force him wore it away."

"Your folly, Agnes; what do you mean by that?

ever since the evening of our first reception and allowed him to remain in my mind when I knew that he was heart gives God half-service for a while intended for Cousin Cecelia. I sometimes fear that I might not have cared family and the world. Parents who so much for him in the beginning had strive to force their sons into the minis will have to wait for an October bride girl depending upon the kindness of children. rich relatives for support. I wanted a ... We dwell on these reflections thous

live in luxury and be independent.

FOR THE SEMINARY BISHOP McQUAID ISSUES THE AN-NUAL APPEAL FOR FUNDS.

The Following Letter was read in the Churches of the Diocese last

Very Rev. and Rev. Brethen of the mained to be done to prepare the pure Clergy, and Beloved Children of the Laity

Many times a day Maurice called Again we have the pleasure of bringing to your kind consideration a subject ness was the behavior of Agnes She than the education and training of the remained constantly at Cecelia's bed. priests who are one day to be brought into the closest relations with them and

The priesthood is the institution of one suspected that remorse kept her in a word, to continue the ministry of salvation Christ came into this world to establish. There are varieties in the

warned his disciples: "Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadduces—Then they understood that he said not that they should be a sponed, and provided Seminaries adequate.

"Agnes, it is all over and he is still dectrine of the leaven of bread, but of the dectrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadduces." He complains that some "do not relish the things that are of men."

It was a sweet thought, but when he looked at Cecelia, so cold and God, but the things that are of men." she looked at Cecelia, so cold and God, but the things that are of men. death-like, and then at the suffering "In vain do they worship me, teaching a full course. In a few years more this man, she repented and felt that she doctrines and commandments of men. had repaid the many kindnesses of that: "He that is not with me is against her loving cousin by a great wrong. me; and he that gathered not with me

ly would only bring her unhappiness to the Ephesians: "Careful to keep the and deep remorse, and she wished that unity of the Spirit in the bond of Peace. she might never again look upon his One body, and one Spirit; as you are called in one hope of your vocation. One Lord, one faith, one baptism. One God and Father of all, who is above all,

Christ gave his revelation with regard were alone in the room with her, hav. to Himself, and the church which He ing sent the nurse away to rest for an Apostles and Mountain which He hour or two. Cecelia, who was some- ed these teachings, and made it clear times delirious, was very quiet now that teachers of religion who present long illness, and for many days it was said for a long time not a word was pictured Himself, is a false Christ and to feared that the wedding festivities spoken between mother and daughter.

bad been stopped to give place to Mrs. Daton softly entered and said:

of the Word of God, place the real "Nellie, Maurice is down stairs and Christ before his hearers as He truly is, without regard to the wishes, or in vain, or erroneous desires of the flesh, "No change," answered Mrs. Cullen, vain, or erroneous dositor of the devil, or the world. Conformity to 'but I am beginning to have hopes the latter would be a betrayal of Christ that she may live. If she would only come out of the lethargy we might be clusion of all others can be no religion of Christ, lacking the very sense of truth and logic of ideas.

A priest must imitate his Master in gentleness of manner and in kindness f heart, without sacrificing the truth by cowardly compromises with error, or "Agnes, what is the meaning of this a half presentation of doctrine with rethat you always act so strangely gard to faith or morals. Cowardice in religious matters on the part of Catholics keeps more non-Catholics out of the pale of the church than any other cause, unless, perhaps, the unworthy lives of nomial Catholics.

To prepare a candidate for the holy and exalted life of a true priest needs first of all a call from God, with gifts of "Agnes turned pale, and, unable to intellect and soul, many; years of trial and patient endurance, control over self, "What is it, Agnes?" said her mother habits of steady application to serious study, often at the risk of health and life, and a consuming zeal for the saving of souls. Long years of study and dismastery of one's self prayer and meditay living being.
"Poor Agnes," said Mrs. Cullen, in which the dross in one's naturals. ing of one's nature is a slow and costly process. As no expense is spared in the "What good would it have done, extracting of the pure gold from the mother, a display of my own feelings! base metal, so no pains and no spending I have only been suffering a just pun-

No greater injustice could be done to into the priesthood without a vocation from God. Such a one never truly leaves home, and father and mother to belong to God alone; his heart is never "I mean that I have loved Maurice sltogether God's; he looks on his ministry as an end to a living, not only for himself but for his family, whose interests and affections are still his A divided ending in the giving of all to self, his

rich husband so that I might always often repeated because of their im the fee prime and pools ( will a

"That was wrong, Agnes, very love and reverence for that grow cold in the hearts of their participations."

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ministry should engross the best effort of a bishop in his diocess. The standar lie has to set up is that found in the life. of Christ himself. In a dioceser seni-nary this training in the ways of Christ can best be done. There the knowledge that befits the priest can be acquired there he learns self-abnegation, prising the gospel teachings more than those of the world; valuing the applause of God-more than that of mangiorying always in the sayings, doings, and death of Chris

Aiding in the training and education of ecolesiastics for the holy ministry is a necessary duty of a Catholic Christ prepared his apostles for the same office. in a quick and miraculous madner. The Holy Ghost infused His spirit into these Apostles, fitting them for their appoint ed work. Nothing short of mirsoulous and divine interposition would have sufficed. The Jewish and the pagan world listened to such men, accepting their message like children with faith that prepared them for martyrdom. The church once founded had to carry on Christ's religion in a human way and by human means, always relying on the divine assistance guaranteed by her

Founder.

Because of this duty on the part of the faithful to make possible the training of generations of apostles to comtinue the work of the apostles and their successors bishops have no hesitation in appealing to their diocesans for the material means with which to keep up an ample supply of priests. The people who reap the benefit of spiritual minis trations in church, in school and in home. whose souls are kept alive and hopeful in truth and virtue, appreciate the bless ing of devoted pastors, and are ready to co-operate in maintaining a fully supply There is devotion on the part of priest and love and obedience in return. blessed union that accomplishes won ders, if not miracles. One need not look farther for an explanation of the succe that has so far attended the marvalous growth of Seminary success in the last few years. People called for priests after Christ's own heart, and their call has not been unanswered. Bishops reinsufficient supply of priests will coass, and all will be allowed ample time not only for the ordinary curriculum of theological studies but even for higher and advanced courses. This longer as more thorough preparation should be the privilege not of a select few but of

From the scholastic year of 1908-1908 all the students of the diocese of Roch ester will have the advantage of two years of philosophy and four of theo-logy, while the more gifted ones, intellectually, will remain, two years longer in the Seminary, following advanced courses of study, and deeper ing and rounding out their know-ledge while acting as tutors. Often when one undertakes to teach others he

masters the subject, and gets an insight into it, that he never acquired as a pupil.

The preparation for St. Bernard's is made in St. Andrew's. It is thirty-two since the latter was opened for the re-ception of students. No Seminary per-haps ever had an humbler beginning its only merit seemed to be the worthiness of its purpose, the good-will and seel of its teachers, and the sarnestness of its persevering pupils. These 33 years have demonstrated the worth of such a Seminary for the trying of vocasion and the weeding out of underirable case jects. Year by year i has rrows in exjects. Year by year i has rrows in excollence and success until now it a
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The graduating class of St. Andrew in June, 1902, numbered fifteen of wh twelve belonged to this dicess. If three to other bishops. In their so written examinations the general sy age of each rais from eighty six to misty-seven per cent. All received ero their superiors and professors algo-praise for diligence in study and correct

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