

THE POPE'S ENCYCLICAL.

A Plan for the Re-establishment of Christ's Empire on Earth.

The first encyclical of his holiness Pope Pius X. is devoted entirely to matters of religion.

"We proclaim that we have not in the supreme pontificate any other program than to gather all things in Christ, so that Christ shall be in all.

His holiness says he accepted the pontificate reluctantly, knowing himself unworthy he was to occupy the holy see after the grandeur of his predecessor and also because the condition of humanity is most unhappy.

His holiness approves of the formation of Catholic societies for working against the enemies of religion, but enjoins religious morality and absolute obedience of bishops.

The Church in the Philippines. No other religion can take the place of the Catholic faith in the Philippines.

Many pleasant stories are told of the homely simplicity and good nature of Pope Pius X. He absolutely refuses to make use of the sedan chair in which it has been usual for the pontiff to be carried from room to room in the Vatican.

New Jersey Parochial Schools. At the ninth annual convention of the New Jersey Federation of German Catholic Schools, held recently in Newark, a resolution was adopted asking for state aid for the maintenance of Catholic parochial schools.

Our Missions in China. A great victory has been obtained by the congregation of propaganda regarding the Catholic missions in China.

A Catholic Gentleman. "A Catholic gentleman," said the Rev. Owen H. Hill, S. J., in his baccalaureate address to the graduates of Fordham college.

SHORT SERMONS. Every man has at times in his mind the ideal of what he should be, but is not.

The man who is weakened in well doing by the ingratitude of others is serving God on a salary basis.

NORWAY AND SWEDEN.

Numerous Recent Conversions to Catholicity in Scandinavia.

News of an interesting character comes from Norway. In this far-off country, once regarded as one of the strongholds of Protestantism, there have occurred recently numerous conversions to Catholicity.

One might suppose from the above that Catholic missions enjoyed a similar success in Sweden. Such, however, is not the fact.

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A Papal Sermon. Preaching is greatly favored by the new pope, and his sermons in St. Mark's have been a notable feature of his work in Venice.

God's Love. At the very heart of the Christian faith, the most sublime of its teachings and to him who penetrates its deepest sense, the most human is this: To save lost humanity the invisible God came to dwell among us in the form of a man and willed to make himself known by this single sign—Love.

SHORT SERMONS. Mary is the dawn from which arose the Sun of Justice.

There can be no surer sign of predestination than to carry one's cross patiently and lovingly for Christ's sake.

The knowledge of God without the knowledge of our own sins produces pride; the knowledge of our own sins without the knowledge of Jesus Christ produces despair.

If there be one thing upon this earth that mankind loves and admires better than another it is a brave man—it is a man who cares to look the devil in the face and tell him he is a devil.

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