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Five Minute Sermon

The Justice of the Pharisees

According to St. Jerome, Christ intended to say hell, when He said fire of Gehenna—that is, the fiercest fire; and He declared him guilty of hell who in anger would say to his brother, Thou fool. However, by this parable are understood all those insults or acts of contempt which grievously dishonor our neighbor; so that if it be a grievous sin to call another a fool, it is much more so to call him a thief, an impostor, or a libertine, which is so often done.

Christ commands us to be reconciled to our neighbor whom we have offended as soon as possible, and to give him satisfaction. The Jews thought they could atone for any sin, even for murder, by making an offering in the temple; and Jesus Christ commanded them not to make the offering until they had made peace with their neighbor, which they should do immediately. We, also, are bound by this command; and hence, if we have either in word or deed offended a person, before we pray or receive the sacraments we should banish from our heart all angry feeling; we should, as soon as possible, give satisfaction and ask pardon of the person offended; and we should show that we entertain no feelings of resentment, and if we have been offended we must be ready to forgive.

We are to learn from this Gospel that to enter into the kingdom of heaven we must have an upright heart animated by charity and subject in all things to the holy law of God, always bearing in mind that true justice does not consist in the external practices of devotion, but rather in the purity of conscience, in the abnegation of our will, and in the control of our passions. We are also to learn to abstain from any act of anger, and from saying anything that can offend or grieve our neighbor. Lastly, we are to learn not to be slow in making peace with our neighbor whenever we have displeased him, and also not to make a reconciliation difficult.

Weekly Church Calendar

Sunday July 8—Gospel, St. Matt. v. 20-24—St. Elizabeth of Portugal, widow.
Monday 9—St. Ephrem, doctor and confessor.
Tuesday 10—Seven Brothers, martyrs.
Wednesday 11—St. Pius I., pope and martyr.
Thursday 12—St. John Gualbert, abbot.
Friday 13—St. Anselmus, pope and martyr.
Saturday 14—St. Bonaventura, bishop, confessor and doctor.

In Memoriam.

At a meeting of Division No. 2, A. O. H. held July 2nd, 1906, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst one of our worthy and esteemed members, Hugh D. McGuire, and thereby permitting our Division to suffer a deplorable loss and our church a devoted Catholic, and our city a good Christian citizen, while we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, Who doeth all things well, be it

Resolved, that we sincerely sympathize with the bereaved wife for the loss of her faithful and affectionate husband and pray that she may be enabled with Christian resignation to endure her sad loss which an all-wise Providence has inflicted upon her.

Resolved, that as a token of respect to the memory of our deceased brother that our charter be draped for a period of 30 days and these resolutions be inscribed on the minutes, a copy sent to the wife of our deceased brother and published in the Catholic Journal.

Committee: E. Moriarty, J. E. Lenehan, J. Gleason.

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WASHINGTON LETTER

Before the Statue of Father Marquette.

(Special to The Journal.)

The statue of Father Marquette is the most beautiful of the entire collection in the rotunda of the capitol. Such is the general consensus of all who see it, be they connoisseurs or not.

While the statue has been frequently described, I shall, on account of what follows, give a cursory description of it. The statue stands on a modest pedestal, which bears the following inscription:

Wisconsin's Tribute.

James Marquette S. J.

Who with Louis Joliet

Discovered the Mississippi River

At Prairie Du Chien, Wis.,

June 17, 1673.

The damage done the statue during the piping times of the A. P. A. is no longer noticeable. I was told that it had been repaired. The face is exceedingly noble, and the pose of the whole figure bodily heroic. In his belt he carries a crucifix and rosary. These, together with the priestly robe, are still a source of offense to many good people that visit the capitol of this great country.

Occasionally, when there is an unusually large influx of visitors, I spent some leisure half hours before the statue to hear the comments that were freely made by these visitors. It goes without saying that they were rich and spicy.

On one occasion a swarm of young ladies from some Southern boarding school visited the capitol, chaperoned by a handsome woman, evidently one of the teachers. One of the young ladies read the inscription aloud for the benefit of the rest. When she had finished she turned to the teacher to ask what S. J. stood for. The teacher did not have the information ready. "S. J. means one of those priests that torture people at the rack, or burn them at the stake." But this oracular reply did not satisfy her questioner, who was evidently from Missouri. She wanted to know the exact word for the two initials, and would not be comforted until she was instructed. The teacher was in desperate straits, but she had to give an answer, or acknowledge her ignorance. The latter she could not do without endangering her pedagogical standing. She therefore rallied all her intellectual forces and told the young girl with distressing inquisitiveness that S. J. stood for "Spanish Jesuit." Having thus squelched this irrepressible seeker for knowledge, she led the phalanx of "sweet things" to some other statue, where she, no doubt, dealt out equally reliable information.

Thus the comment goes on from day to day and from year to year. But whatever may be the unfavorable remarks that are made regarding the beads and priestly robe, the crucifix shocks the tender sensibilities of more people than anything else. And this in a so-called Christian country. One man who viewed the statue in company with some friends, declared emphatically that it was a national disgrace to have such a "Romish" exhibition at the capitol, and expressed his conviction that it would be thrown out some day in the near future.

With all this ignorance and bigotry abroad it is no wonder that the Church is misunderstood, and it seems sometimes very doubtful if the time will ever come when there will be an improvement in this direction.

E. L. SCHAFER, Ph. D.

Catholic Federation

To Hold National Convention in Buffalo This Month.

Official call for the Fifth National Convention of the American Federation of Catholic Societies, to be held in Buffalo, N. Y., July 29th, 30th, 31st and August 1st next.

During six years of existence, Federation has been brought to the attention of Catholics throughout the entire country. Its objects and aims are now quite fully understood and very generally approved.

Notwithstanding considerable indifference and some opposition, Federation has succeeded even beyond the hopes of its organizers. Aside from specific matters of moment taken up and brought to successful issue, Federation can rightfully claim to have been a large factor in educating American Non-Catholic thought and public opinion to a more correct understanding of what Catholicity actually is, and for what it really stands in the nation.

Through the Federation conventions, Catholicity, more than at any previous time, has had the ear of the American public. The press is read by the general public. Catholic magazines and weeklies are never seen outside of Catholic circles. Federation has been a much needed medium of communication. The unfolded fear that Federation would provoke hostility has been clearly shown to be a mistake. There never was a more kindly disposition toward Catholicity than during the past few years. Without claiming too much, Federation has certainly by kindly, conservative and discrete word and action, done much to change the mistaking sentiment of bitterness. Our work has been largely a matter of education; education which always rights misunderstandings and erroneous conceptions.

Instead of justifying the fears of some, by dabbling in partisan politics, Federation has unmistakably proved that the broadest Catholic Unity is entirely consistent with disinterested as well as discrete and sane action toward the safeguarding of Catholic interests.

Disorganized effort, even partial organization, can accomplish but little. Catholic strength intelligently and discreetly exercised, can right every inequality and disarm all bitterness. Effort without disciplined organization to-day is practically useless; it has frequently proved a nuisance.

CANANDAIGUA.

The monthly subscription for July will be taken up next Sunday.

Tuesday morning the anniversary mass for William James Donovan and Thursday for Mary Remery.

First Friday to-day.

Prizes were awarded Sunday afternoon in the new church to the thirty-two members of the graduating class and to all who had attained excellence for Christian Doctrine, highest average, perfect weekly report, regular attendance and improvement in penmanship. Richard McDade won the gold medal in the graduating class for best average. Helen Cooper was second; in the 8th grade, George Barry, first; William Linahan, second; 7th grade, Anna Connelly first; John Murphy and Collette Cuddihy, second; 6th grade, Elizabeth Dugan, first; Katherine McDade, second; 5th grade, Edward Donohue and Madeleine Wade, first; Katherine Donovan, second; 4th grade, Katherine Farrell, first; Lilian Hamilton, second; 3rd grade, Walter Murphy and Marie Buchanan, first; Raymond Merriman, second; and grade, Arthur Doyle and Bernardine Farrell, first; William Hanovan and Gertrude Smith, second.

SCOTTSVILLE.

Died Martin C. Bissell, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Bissell, Saturday morning, June 30, and was buried Sunday at 2:30 p. m. from the Church of the Assumption. Interment was made in Holy Angel's Cemetery.

AROUND THE GLOBE

Catholic News From Many Places

Very Rev. Father Brosmann, Vicar General of the Covington Diocese, has been appointed a member of the Covington Board of Park Commissioners.

A devout French Catholic, Michael Eugene Chevreul, is probably the greatest living chemist to-day.

His Holiness the Pope has granted the aged and enfeebled Archbishop of Paris, Cardinal Richard, who sought to resign his high position, the privilege of celebrating Mass seated in a chair.

Of the eight children of Nicholas Riet, a citizen of Launce, France, the eldest became a Trappist, four other sons were priests on the mission field of the Orient, one of them becoming Bishop of Diana, and two daughters joined the Sisters of St. Vincent de Paul.

Twenty years ago a Catholic church was shut up by the Russian Government in the village of Midvaite, the Holy Sacrament being in the tabernacle. A few days ago it was restored and reopened and the sacred emblems were found in a perfect state.

Lord Justice Mathew, of the Queen's Bench, London, who has just retired after an honorable career is a nephew of the great Father Mathew, the Apostle of Temperance. One of his daughters is a nun and the other is the wife of John Dillon, M. P. Sir James Mathew occupied the bench for twenty-five years.

Owing to the death of Archbishop O'Brien, of Halifax, Most Rev. Jos. Thomas Duhamel, D. D., Archbishop of Ottawa, becomes the senior Metropolitan of the Church in Canada. He was elected on October 28, 1874, but his see was not raised to the archiepiscopal dignity until June 8, 1886.

The Cathedral Fund Association has been incorporated under the laws of the state of Colorado. Messrs. J. C. Math, W. Sayer and H. Fairhall are named as directors for the first year. The object of the association is to create a fund to aid in the construction of the new Cathedral at Denver.

It is stated that there is a priest at Guadalajara, Mexico, who is 106 years old, and has been a priest not quite 80 years. He belongs to a religious order, and is most probably the oldest in the world. His name is Father Joseph Louis Anaya.

A series of ten mural paintings based on the wanderings of Pere Marquette and Sieur Joliet, along the shores of Lake Michigan and the Mississippi River is about completed for the High School at Joliet, Ill. The subjects are poetic, each separate canvas having its own story.

In a strong pastoral to the clergy of his diocese, the Bishop of Waitz, Hungary, urges them to stir up their people to a heartier support of the Catholic schools. It is the duty of the Catholic press, he remarks, to popularize these schools, with the laity, asserting that the Catholic school and Catholic press must stand together or else the Church will continue to suffer loss.

President Roosevelt attended commencement exercises of Georgetown University in Gaston Hall and presented the year's prizes to the members of the graduating class. There had been no public announcement of the President's expected visit to the college and nearly everybody in the large audience of students and their friends was surprised when Mr. Roosevelt appeared.

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REV. JAMES A. DAY
Twenty-fifth Anniversary

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the ordination to the holy priesthood of the Rev. James A. Day of Mt. Morris, N. Y., will occur on Tuesday, July 10th. As it is the wish of Father Day the event will be celebrated in a quiet manner. His parishioners, however, will assist at his mass on that day and pray God to bless him with many more years of fruitful service in the sacred ministry.

AUBURN, N. Y.

The graduating exercises of all the parochial schools were held last week and at each one of them the certificates for good work done by the pupils were given out. The exercises at St. Mary's church were of a fine and high order. The class graduating to the high school were given a hearty ovation when they appeared on the platform to receive their diplomas. The Holy Family exercises also were of the same order the class being addressed by Rev. John Brosmann of Churchville, who spoke on parochial schools. At St. Aloysius school exercises the largest crowd was noted. The work of the parochial schools is of the highest order and parents should see that their children attend the school connected with their parish church.

The beautiful chime, donated to Holy Family church by Hon. William H. Moffit of New York city, has been placed in the belfry of the church and is daily rung at 8 a. m., which is a great benefit to the working class of people who rise at that hour. The remainder of the chime, seven in number, will be installed during the summer, and will be used the first time on Christmas eve.

The work of the Knights of Columbus club house has been stopped, owing to the strike of the plumbers which has been on in this city for the past three months. The council rooms will be finished as far as possible until the strike situation is changed. The question of the Knights will be one of the first in this or any other State when completed.

The opera "Mascott" that is being given by Manager Hennessy this week at his lake theatre, is one of the best that has been given by the company. The attendance is large which is encouraging to the management. Yesterday is also given now between the acts, which enlivens the show. The opera will be continued through the present month.

The Misses Helen and Bernardine Long of Saymore St., have left on a western trip to take two months. Their destination is Michigan where they will visit relatives.

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Corner Stone Laid

Church of the Holy Cross

The cornerstone of the new church of the Holy Cross in Colman was laid last Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Right Rev. Bishop McQuaid assisted by Rev. F. McFarland and Rev. M. Hargather, former pastors of the church. Rev. Ed. Gaffell chanted the Litany.

Other priests present were Rev. Drs. Sinclair and Meahan, Rev. F. Stuby, F. Scheid, J. Gaffell, J. H. Schneider, J. Schellhorn, J. Miller, G. Edelman.

After the ceremony the bishop spoke encouragingly, promising to give the parishioners a religious priest by next summer.

The church is being built of granite and will be completed by fall. J. Boppel has charge of the plans. A special train was run by the New York Central to accommodate those who wished to attend.

COOK OPERA HOUSE.

"A Royal Family" will be given next week by the McCormack Company at the Cook Opera House. This play made famous by Anna Russell, who starred with tremendous success for a number of years. This play has before been presented at the stock company. It was the result of long negotiations with the play brokers that Messrs. McCormack was able to get the right to produce it. The famous Anna Russell, who has been considered one of the most emotional roles of the dramatic stage. Part of the play also have a role that will show the new side of her acting. A lightful part for Miss Russell also be found in a day's work. This play will be presented a week with matinee Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday.

At Ontario Beach.

German Day of last Sunday at Ontario Beach was a great success. Account of weather, the program will be given Saturday, July 7th. On July 8th, Dora Band will return engagement. The program will be given Saturday, July 7th. On July 8th, Dora Band will return engagement. The program will be given Saturday, July 7th. On July 8th, Dora Band will return engagement.

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