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November. The Church is about to enter upon one of its solemn seasons, the period dedicated to the poor souls in Purgatory. The Church sets aside the month of November for special devotion in honor of the suffering souls.

First, the Church sets aside the first day of November as the feast of All Saints, to call attention to those happy souls who have been through the fires of Purgatory and have been raised to the high places in Heaven.

The day following is the feast of All Souls in which sharp contrast is made with the day before. The sufferings of those souls in Purgatory is delineated and the faithful are exhorted to send up their prayers that these may be liberated and brought into the glorious presence of Almighty God, His angels and His saints.

Then the rest of the month is devoted to the poor souls. We should not neglect to join our prayers to those of the Church. True, it may be that none of our relatives are suffering in Purgatory, but the day may come when we will be there and that none of those left behind will deem it worth while to say a prayer for us. It may also happen that no relatives will survive us and that we may be left to depend upon the prayers of the general Church. If we are generous in our charity now, is it unreasonable to suppose that in our day of trial some other generous soul in the world may come to our aid?

Therefore let us not be selfish. Even if we have loved ones for whom we feel impelled to remember in our prayers, let us not forget to add a prayer for those poor souls who have no one to remember them. Pray for the souls in Purgatory.

Vote Right Next Tuesday is the date of the National and state elections. Voting is one of the most important duties laid upon the American citizen. It implies a choice of officials to govern the nation for four years and of the state for two years.

To exercise the right of suffrage means much. It should not be performed at the dictate of a political boss, neither should it be performed from altogether selfish, personal motives. The welfare of the state and nation, the greatest good of the great mass of people, should be taken into consideration. Issues presented should be carefully weighed, personality of candidates should be looked into. Wheat should be winnowed from chaff in campaign arguments. Above all, one's vote should not be cast for a monetary or other mercenary consideration. The meanest man living is he who sells his vote.

The Catholic Journal as has been its rule, has opened its columns to candidates of all parties that they may present their claims to the readers of this paper. We advise all our readers to go to the poles next Tuesday and cast their ballots in accord with the dictates of their own con-

science and for what they conceive to be for the best interests of state and nation.

Cheap While the United States and especially the State of New York is justly noted for its many and magnificent institutional charities and for the munificent endowments bestowed upon these organizations by wealthy men and women, is there not danger that in this systematizing and institutionalizing on charities, we are sacrificing the love, the spirit of humanity, which should constitute the very essence of all charity?

Kind words and a generous spirit often accomplish more than actual gifts of real money given in a grudging spirit and with arithmetic precision and exactness.

Others, perhaps take a view of charity akin to that related in the following anecdote:

Rose Hawthorne Lattop, the daughter of Nathaniel Hawthorne and now known as Mother Alphonsa, who devotes her life to those afflicted with cancer, recently spoke against "cheap" charity, which she declared was too common nowadays. The anecdote is taken from the Washington Star.

A railroad manager came to the president and began:

"Old John Faithful's health has broken down. He had to leave last week. After his long service, I think, sir, we ought to do something for him, don't you? He's very poor."

"How long has John been with us," asked the president.

"Forty-seven years, sir."

"He always did his duty?"

"He never missed a day, sir."

"And now he's broken down completely, eh?"

"The chances are he'll never leave his bed," said the manager.

"The poor fellow!" said the president. "We certainly must do something for him."

He turned to his secretary.

"Perkins, he said, 'make out John Faithful a free pass for life.'"

There should be a happy medium. Our charity should be real and it should be bestowed in a spirit of real charity, real love for our neighbor.

Good Example The St. Louis branch of the American Federation of Catholic Societies at its last meeting adopted the following splendid set of resolutions:

"The Federation of Catholic Societies of St. Louis greets the newly organized Federation of Catholic papers known as the American Catholic Press Association and heartily endorses the resolutions adopted by said body at its meeting held in Buffalo, N. Y. September 12."

Especially do we endorse the association's call upon the Catholic societies to pledge their membership a patronage to the business men who advertise in Catholic papers, and hereby

Resolved that the delegates of the St. Louis Federation request the members of the societies they represent to not only subscribe for one or more Catholic papers, but also to patronize the firms and business houses that advertise in the same."

Pope Receives Bishop Hendrick Monsignor Joseph W. Hendrick of Ovid, received a cablegram from Rome Sunday, saying, that Bishop Thomas A. Hendrick formerly of this city, was given an audience by the Pope on Friday. It was said that the Holy Father expressed his pleasure at the work done in the Philippines and at the report submitted by Bishop Hendrick.

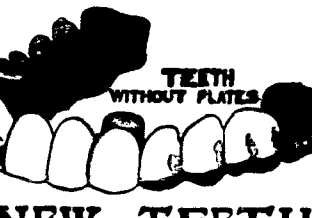
Bishop Hendrick will remain in Rome for several days and will then sail for Manila. Since leaving Rochester he has attended the Eucharist convention in England and made a trip through Ireland. He was the guest of Cardinal Logue at his palace in Ireland.

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