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## In Honor of San Roque

"I wonder what has become of Padre Sebastian," observed Mrs. Allen to her daughter, Alice.

"He has not been here this week, has he?" queried Alice.

"No, he has not," reflected Mrs. Allen with concern. To the Filipino servant, Manuel, who was clearing away the remains of breakfast, she added:

"Manuel, have you seen anything of Padre Sebastian? I fear he is neglecting us."

"Ar, senora, Padre Sebastian is very sick. Sick, maybe plague got him."

"Oh, surely not," exclaimed Mrs. Allen and Alice in one breath. Manuel, too, was the picture of distress as he kept assuring the American seniors that the good priest, friend and shepherd of the islands was very ill, so ill, indeed, that one of his devoted, simple flock had gone the day before to one of the larger islands hoping to bring back a doctor. Padre Sebastian himself usually did all the doctoring that had been done upon the remote little island, one of the most insignificant among Uncle Sam's Philippine annexations. And to think that he, Padre Sebastian, was sick himself!

The Allens shared Manuel's distress. During their several months' stay upon this little Philippine island the dear, wise, interesting Padre Sebastian had been one of their greatest comforts and pleasures. To these Americans, who as a feminine appendage of the United States Navy had traveled around the world and back again, Padre Sebastian was something of a new experience. Spanish gentleman that he was, he combined a rare intellectuality and knowledge of the world with a simplicity and a rare spirituality which had charmed these American Protestants to a high degree. He, in his turn, long isolated from the larger affairs of the world, had found the Americans interesting. Every few days he stopped in to pay them a short call. He had been their chief instructor with regard to the native customs, the neighboring scenes of interest, and similar matters upon which they sought information. They had come to regard him as their host on the little island.

Meanwhile, more than social were the services Padre Sebastian had been rendering during the Allen's sojourn. He had been inviting them, especially Mrs. Allen, into new meanings of that Faith to which his life was given.

Not entirely ignorant of it was Mrs. Allen. More and more drawn by its beauty the older and wiser she grew, she had seldom lost an opportunity during her travels to visit the great Cathedrals or inspiration for his cure. What whatever other noted churches helped to make the fame of the old-world cities. And yet, despite those pilgrimages, almost pious, good San Roque, of whom he had her acquaintance with the spirit of the Church was not complete. She had been in Rome for Easter and at Notre Dame de Paris for Christmas. But impressive as such august worship had seemed it had not revealed to her all the power and sincerity of the Church so poignantly as did the indomitable labors of simple, pious Padre Sebastian, toiling day by day in every conceivable human service for these humble brown islanders. Such service had truly initiated her into the real service of the Catholic church. Now more than ever she had begun to understand its two thousand years of cumulative power. The loving service of Padre Sebastian to God's simple creatures through the week; his more formal Sunday service offered in worship of his God and theirs—this surely was religion, Mrs. Allen had told herself.

As the days had gone by she had recently admitted as much to Padre Sebastian. A grave but eager expression had kindled in his eyes. But she shook her head.

"No, Padre, I know what you think, but I fear you will have to consider me one of your black sheep. My head does not approve

as you see. But I'm afraid there must be something wrong with the heart."

"The gift of Faith," murmured Padre Sebastian. There was infinite patience and sympathy in his tones.

"Is that what is lacking?" the elderly woman had asked with the simplicity of a child. And the old priest knew that such simplicity was one which, with God's help and his prayers would eventually find its way to the truth.

Many such little talks they had had of late. Hence now, during these recent days of his absence, Mrs. Allen had sincerely missed, not only Padre Sebastian's pleasant society, she felt especially deprived of the little, gentle, spiritual ministrations, partly unsought, which he had been giving to her.

And with particular distress she heard Manuel's plaintive report this morning—that Padre Sebastian was very sick, that "maybe the plague got him."

Her first thought, shared with Alice, was to go straight to the little rectory to see if they could render the Padre any service. On second thought, however, remembering that it was not indeed impossible that "the plague" had him, they decided to ride down to the harbor to meet the returning boat whereon the doctor would likely be. They would see the doctor and ask him to stop at their little home on his way back to inform them exactly of their dear friend's condition.

This projected expedition of theirs to the harbor gave Manuel food for thought. If they went it would give him time to carry out a project of his own. Not, however, exclusively his own, but one shared by several of his little native brothers, and likely to be carried out by them if at all possible. A certain subtlety was involved in it, a little cunning. Yet who will question too harshly the purity of means when the motives were so high?

And the motives consisted of nothing less than the strong intention to do something to cure Padre Sebastian. Had he not always cured them, and in several ways? Not only by the wonderful medicines he had given them, but had he not prayed to San Roque for them when they were ailing? When nearly the whole village was down with the plague last year had not he and San Roque cured them? For cured they were after that wonderful procession with the statue of San Roque carried in front and candles and banners and flowers. So now they and San Roque must cure Padre Sebastian.

Surely that was only logical and to be expected. It was the decision of Manuel and several others of Padre Sebastian's flock who, in their anxiety the evening before had discussed his illness and arrived at this brilliant vision of inspiration for his cure. What whatever other noted churches helped to make the fame of the old-world cities. And yet, despite those pilgrimages, almost pious, good San Roque, of whom he had her acquaintance with the spirit of the Church was not complete. She had been in Rome for Easter and at Notre Dame de Paris for Christmas. But impressive as such august worship had seemed it had not revealed to her all the power and sincerity of the Church so poignantly as did the indomitable labors of simple, pious Padre Sebastian, toiling day by day in every conceivable human service for these humble brown islanders. Such service had truly initiated her into the real service of the Catholic church. Now more than ever she had begun to understand its two thousand years of cumulative power. The loving service of Padre Sebastian to God's simple creatures through the week; his more formal Sunday service offered in worship of his God and theirs—this surely was religion, Mrs. Allen had told herself.

Yes, they would have a San Roque procession. And so it fell that Manuel was one of the chief factors in making arrangements. The ceremony had been set for this very afternoon. They must not delay—for how they needed Padre Sebastian!

Manuel's brother, Toni, lived at the rectory with Padre Sebastian. He was a kind of man of all work, and his many occupations included care of the little sacristy. Thus he was the one naturally appointed to get the statue of San Roque so as to have it ready for the procession. With what a consequential air he assumed his important service; indeed the most important, for the success of the great event.

To be continued

Store and house, also 4 room flat to rent, at reasonable terms inquire of Mrs. Dennstedt in residence of 750 Jay St., open evenings.

## Catholic News Notes News From Ireland Catholic Summer School

Bishop Chard of Indianapolis, received an autograph letter from the Holy Father conveying congratulations to him on the occasion of the golden jubilee of his ordination.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Kondella, Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee, has sailed for Europe and will proceed directly to Rome.

The Illinois College of Law conferred upon Very Rev. F. X. McCabe, president of de Paul University, the honorary degree of doctor of laws.

A magnificent bronze and brass fountain, surmounted by a statue of Our Lady of Grace, has been presented to St. Benedict's College, Atchison, Kan., by Thomas M. Walker, a Protestant.

Archbishop Ireland directs his clergy at an early date to prepare, well and warmly, a discourse from the pulpit on higher education and vocations to the priesthood.

Two thousand men attended the annual retreat of the Xavier Alumni Sodality, which took place at the Church of St. Francis Xavier, New York.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Burke, of Albany, N. Y., has entered on his nineteenth episcopal year.

Bishop O'Donnell officiated at the laying and blessing of the cornerstone of the new \$500,000 St. Anthony Hospital, at Woodhaven, L. I., recently. The new St. Anthony Hospital, like its parent institution, will be in charge of the Sisters of the Poor of St. Francis.

In twenty intercollegiate debates Notre Dame University has won nineteen.

The new church at Oxford, Conn., the gift to the people by the heirs of Judge Coman, of New York, will soon be ready for dedication.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Hartley, of Columbus, O., has blessed and dedicated a new fine art building, erected at the Academy of St. Mary of the Springs. It is a fire-proof edifice, separate, of brick and stone, and comprises an art gallery, statuary hall, museum, library, studios, etc.

Rev. F. A. Moeller, S. J., of Holy Family parish, chaplain of the Ephraim School for the Deaf, Chicago, will attend the International Congress of the Deaf to be held in Paris to commemorate the bi-centennial of the birth of Abbe De l'Epee, the founder of the first school for the deaf and the inventor of a systematic use of signs for the education of the deaf. The Congress will be held July 20 to August 4.

At Canby, Oregon, a Methodist church building has been purchased by the Catholics, and at Cowallis, a new church has been dedicated.

The Particular Council of St. Vincent de Paul Society, Borough of the Bronx, New York, will establish a home for young working girls. It will be under the patronage of St. Margaret.

At Ningpo, China, 50,000 famelic-stricken people clamored at the door of the Catholic mission for food.

The various Catholic Peace Leagues will shortly assemble in Paris, with the object of laying down at once an International Christian Law.

Fourteen out of fifty junior scholarships, offered by the Liverpool council, have been secured by the Catholic school children in Liverpool.

A young man named McLaughlin was seriously injured on June 16 by being thrown from his motorcycle by a motorcar.

Drowning, following heart failure, was the cause of death stated by a coroner's jury at Bangor in the case of William Tughan, solicitor, Belfast, whose body was found floating in the sea off Ballyholme on June 17, shortly after he had gone in to bathe.

Messrs. Walter Kavanagh and Patrick Kinsella have been re-elected chairman and vice chairman, respectively, of Carlow County Council.

There was very little business to be transacted at the Carlow Quarter Sessions, and the presiding justice congratulated the grand jury on the peaceful state of the county.

Dr. Daniel J. MacClancy of the Children's Hospital, Dublin, son of James MacClancy, Milltown-Malbay, was elected by Enistymon Guardians Medical officer for Milltown-Malbay and Knockgonnell, Dispensary district.

The death of Sister Winefride took place recently in the Convent of Mercy, Pittmore, Shrewsbury, England. Sister Winefride was a native of King Williamstown, Cork, where she was born on November 5, 1860. She was the second daughter of Daniel T. Jones.

At the Derry Crown Sessions on June 17, John Linehan, Deputy Recorder, congratulated the grand jury on the peaceful state of the district.

The death of the Rev. John Hughes, a member of the Society of Jesus, occurred on June 16 at Milltown Park, after a brief illness. Father Hughes was well known in almost every diocese of Ireland as a preacher and conductor of "ecclesiastical" retreats, but his own native city of Dublin, where he was born 60 years ago, was the special scene of his apostolic labors.

On June 14, the body of a middle-aged man named William Graham was discovered in a river at Derryoran, about seven miles from Enniskillen. There was a deep gash on the forehead, and it is presumed that the deceased must have fallen off the bridge, which crosses the river. The water is only eight inches deep at the place where the body was found.

The death is announced of Mother Mary Joseph at the Convent of Mercy, Carna, a fluent native speaker of Irish. She was a daughter of the late E. Lee, Galway, and was professed over forty years ago.

Rev. Bernard Hayes, son of Thomas Hayes of Ballydwyer, died on June 24 at the age of 33 years.

Michael Mulvihill, who recently resigned his position as town surveyor of Listowel, has been granted a pension of \$20 per annum.

Some days ago on his lands at Ashgrove, Newcastle West, John Mulcahy found in the diluvial deposits in the fossil "bones" of an Irish elk, and the bones of animals he is unable to determine.

The ordination to the priesthood of Michael O'Donnell, Ballyglass, Charlestown, took place at Maynooth on Sunday, June 23.

While some men were working in the bog at Curraheen, Horse and Jockey, they unearthed an ancient keg of butter, which must have lain there for centuries.

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## Catholic Summer School

Before an audience that taxed the capacity of the spacious auditorium, the opening musical show of the season was put on by the members of the College Glee Club at the Catholic Summer School on Thursday evening. Following a well-built list of musical repertoire, greeted with catchy local hits and interspersed with good singing and musical parodies. There was a screaming burlesque on "The Merchant of Venice."

The latter number was ably taken care of by the cast in which there were more than fifty of the record-breaking number gathered at the Camp this summer. The production was under the direction of Joseph J. Stahr, while the lyrics were written by Walter Atkinson, a New York playwright, and the music by Cliff Haven. Figures of prominence in the performance were Charles Miller of Mount Vernon, William Smith and Ralph and Vincent Baker of New York City.

The appearance of Miss Eleanor Payson of Brooklyn, the noted pianist who has been called the American Caruso, has just closed a series of piano recitals that constituted one of the ablest musical events in the history of the Champlain Assembly.

Miss Theresa Cantwell, hostess of the Champlain Club, gave a party at that institution on Thursday afternoon, which took the form of a reception to the guests at present sojourning at the place. On Monday evening Mrs. Henry L. Ughetta of Brooklyn, tendered a dance to the guests of the Catholic Summer School at the Champlain Club. The affair was given as a farewell reception to Mr. and Mrs. Ughetta with their family to Tuesday closed a month's sojourn at Champlain before a Canadian tour prior to the opening of their summer home at Allenhurst, N. J. More than 300 guests were in attendance.

With the steady influx of guests during the past week, the attendance at the school has reached 700. Indications are that the next few weeks will see a record crowd at the Summer School, and the extensive lists of reservations at all the cottages points to an attendance of more than 1000 guests for the Lady Day fest on August 15.

Card parties are in greater vogue than during any other season and each week finds several of the cottages gaily colored with lively scenes that attract the popular bridge and euchre affairs. Events of note in this respect were card gatherings at Alumni Cottage No. 2, where Mrs. Edward O'Dougherty and Miss Anna Cunningham of Brooklyn were hostesses, at the New York Cottage where Hon. Francis P. Cunniff was host, and at the Buffalo Cottage where Miss Katherine Hagerty of Brooklyn entertained.

The lecture during the past week for the morning course was the famous Jesuit professor and preacher in charge of the department of Rhetoric at the Noviate of St. Andrew-on-the-Hudson. Father Donnelly spoke on "The Method of Modern Teaching English Composition" and gave a masterful exposition of the subject to which he has given his life work. Beginning with the history and nature of models, the lecturer developed his topic in delineation of the employment of models for the elements, kinds and types of composition. Father Donnelly was also the preacher at the high mass on Sunday morning, when he spoke eloquently on the development and education of character. The famous lecturer was again heard by the guests of the Summer School on Sunday evening when he gave an address at the family gathering where he was accorded a hearty welcome and ovation. The evening lectures during the week were by the Rev. Patrick J. Healy, S. J. D., of Washington, D. C., who spoke on "Asceticism and Monasticism." Taking up first

## Opening of the Wine and Ale Annals

The new wing of the St. Ann's Home was opened on June 24 with a reception for 150 persons in the dining room for the sisters and their help. New wing is completed and accommodates 200 inmates. The home will have a total of 350 inmates.

The new wing had been built at the cost of \$95,000, and of \$17,000 was raised by subscription this year. The home was dedicated for the Sisters of the Holy Family, and under the present administration, with the assistance of the Sisters of the Holy Family, it is expected that the debt will be speedily reduced, so that the new wing may be added in a few years.

Weekly Church Calendar  
9th Sunday after Pentecost  
G. The Destruction of Jerusalem  
St. 22—St. Victor  
St. 23—St. Martin  
St. 24—St. Ursula  
St. 25—St. Ignace  
St. 26—St. John  
St. 27—St. Paul  
St. 28—St. Peter  
St. 29—St. Andrew  
St. 30—St. Thomas