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Good Friday

While there is coming to be a more reverent attitude displayed by all the people toward Holy Week, nevertheless there is still much to be desired, especially in the East where commercialism has hardened the heart.

In many Western communities the theaters find scant support during Holy Week, even from the non-Catholic portion of the population. Possibly, it is a sad reflection that for so many years only the Catholics demonstrated a real feeling for the solemnity of the Christmas feast and that even today there is a great display of flowers, bonnets and clothes on Easter and no attention paid to the Good Friday preceding it. However, in many Western communities, Good Friday observance is growing and many business houses, non-Catholic as well as Catholic, grant permission to those of their employees who wish to absent themselves during the Three Hours Agony on Good Friday. This is especially true in San Francisco.

If this be true in San Francisco why cannot the Fourth Degree Assembly lead a similar movement in Rochester?

Cardinal Dougherty!

Hearts of Catholics in America are filled with joy at the elevation of the fifth American prelate to the cardinalial purple. Cardinal John McCloskey was the first; then came Cardinal Gibbons, now living; then Cardinal Farley, also of New York; then Cardinal O'Connell, of Boston, still living and now Archbishop Dennis Dougherty, the first head of the great archdiocese of Philadelphia to be made a Prince of the Church.

In the prime of physical manhood; richly endowed and equipped mentally and spiritually; ripe in churchly experience in Rome, in seminary professorships, in Philippine bishoprics, in the Dioceses of Buffalo and Philadelphia. Cardinal Dougherty is a worthy successor of the illustrious men who have served in the Sacred College.

May he be spared many years to wear his red hat and to guide the destinies of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, is the wish of the Catholic Journal and its readers.

If you were unprepared or have not yet contributed to the collection for the distressed in Ireland, as requested by Cardinal Gibbons, it is not too late. Your parish priest will receive and forward it for you.

President Harding may have wished to take up domestic matters first but the recent developments anent war reparations force attention on foreign questions.

Non-Sectarian

That Catholic institutions breathe the true spirit of non-sectarianism is proven by these quotations from Cardinal Gibbons' letter to the Knights of Columbus upon assuming prominent part in the movement launched to rebuild St. Mary's Industrial School in Baltimore destroyed by fire a year ago:—I have been President of its Board of Trustees for more than forty years. I have seen it grow year by year, its work extend, its influence expand. I have witnessed this work of half a century almost wiped out by fire in a single day.

I would not appeal to you if St. Mary's were merely a local institution. Our enrollment during the school's existence of nearly thirteen thousand youths from eight to twenty-one years old has come from forty-five States.

The nine hundred under the care of the Brothers the day of the fire represented thirty-three States and nineteen religious denominations. In the last fourteen months twenty-two hundred boys have knocked at our doors. We could not admit them.

The seven hundred and eighty-five of our youths who enlisted directly from the School in war days; the thirty-two hundred 'old' Boys who found their way into the Service, speak volumes for the spirit or true Patriotism fostered and the physical fitness nurtured at the School.

I may not live to see this temple rebuilt, but like David of old, shall be happy to see the materials assembled. I would see perpetuated at this school for the neglected boy, semi-national as it is, a Monument to the charity of the Knights, a Hall graced with the K. of C.; an ever-present lesson of mutual service and brotherly aid to be learned by the thousands of boys the New St. Mary's will educate and train in the way of sturdy manhood and right citizenship.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Card. Gibbons.

Restore Home Life

Students of American social conditions and "doctors of civic welfare" would do well to study and ponder these sentences in a recent editorial in the Boston "Pilot", Cardinal O'Connell's diocesan organ:—

Publicists and educators who hope to better the condition of the people, who are sincerely trying to cope with the divorce evil, the crime evil, the social evil and multifarious other evils should give their attention to the conditions of American family life. Our Holy Father the Pope was so concerned about this evil that he pointed out the dangers and indicated the remedies in a recent encyclical. Back to the Holy Family of Nazareth as the wellspring of home ideals was the Pope's urgent appeal to the peoples of the world. There in the family presided over by St. Joseph, mothered by Mary, and sanctified by the presence of the Christ Child are the ideas which will restore to modern society its lost ideals of home and fireside.

No nation, no body of men however noble their standards of living can ever bring to men and women so pure an ideal, so noble a conception of the duties and obligations of family life as we find in the Holy Family of Nazareth. For there, as the Holy Father pointed out, we go first to Joseph then through him to Mary, and from Mary to Christ Himself.

Strengthening the domestic virtues, solidifying the marriage bond, cementing the relations between husband and wife, and between parents and children is not a work of mere social uplift. It is a vital necessity for any nation that hopes to attain even a mediocre position, or to endure more than a few years. Other nations have given us the lesson. Modern life must be restored to

its pristine purity, by the ideals of the Holy Family if we are to persevere as a Christian nation.

British politicians argue that an Irish Republic would endanger the British Empire. Not so. A pacified and peaceful Ireland would be the best asset King George could have for a continued and prosperous reign.

Weekly Calendar of Feast Days

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Sunday, March 20.—St. Wulfstan, Archbishop of Sens, who was brought up in the court of King Clotaire III, but whose piety led him to renounce earthly honors and devote his life to God. He bestowed his estate on the Abbey of Fontenelle in Normandy. After being elected archbishop he gave up his see to become a humble missionary priest in Friesland where he converted thousands. He died in 720 after having worked many miracles.

Monday, March 21.—St. Benedict, Abbot, who when a boy was sent to Rome, but terrified by the licentiousness of students there fled to the desert mountains of Subiaco where he established twelve monasteries. Later he founded an abbey at Mount Cassino where he wrote his rule and lived until death in 543.

Tuesday, March 22.—St. Catharine of Sweden, Virgin and daughter of Ulpho, Prince of Nericia and St. Brigid. She was contracted in marriage to a virtuous nobleman named Ergard whom she persuaded to join her in a vow of chastity. She had great devotion to the Passion of Christ and during the last twenty-five years of her life made a sacramental confession each day. She died abbess of Vatzen in 1381.

Wednesday, March 23.—St. Victor, martyr and other martyrs who were persecuted and put to death amid cruel torments during the persecution under Hunic, the Arian King of the Vandals in Africa.

Thursday, March 24.—St. Simon, infant martyr who was killed by Jews of the city of Trent in 1472 in order to vent their hatred against the crucified Christ.

Friday, March 25.—The feast of the Annunciation, the day on which the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she was to be the Mother of God.

Saturday, March 26.—St. Ludger, who because of his holiness and zeal was appointed Bishop of Munster in Friesland and who won many converts in Westphalia. He was favored with gifts of prophecy and miracles. He predicted his own death on March 26th.

St. Boniface Parish.

"Claudia," a Lenten drama by the Rev. F. L. Kenzel, was presented in St. Boniface's Hall this week to capacity houses. The play was presented for the purpose of increasing the fund with which to erect a new parochial school.

Mrs. McParlin Honored.

At the regular meeting of Central Council, Ladies' Catholic Benevolent Association, Wednesday evening, a Sheffield silver coffee and tea set together with tray and two silver candlesticks, were presented to Supreme Trustee Cora McParlin on behalf of the Rochester membership. At the same meeting \$100 was contributed toward Cardinal Gibbons' fund for Ireland.

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Catholics of Rochester take due pride in their parish schools. They know the meaning of the Master's words, "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven". We have hearkened to these words and provided for the religious education of the Catholic children of Rochester, but there are others of our faith who long to bestow this blessing on their little ones. Unaided, they can do practically nothing, with our help their ardent desire, and the desire of the Sacred Heart can be realized.

Today we learned of a Mission in the Philippines that has the care of 14,000 Catholics and several thousand pagans, and yet, in spite of these large numbers, there is no parish school. The Mission is exceedingly rich in souls but sadly poor in resources. A weather-beaten church and a dilapidated rectory constitute the earthly possessions of the Mission.

On Sundays the grown-up crowd the church, but the children stay away from Holy Mass. Sunday-school is held, but very few attend regularly, and these cannot be expected to learn much in the short instruction of but one hour each week. A parish school is needed today to insure an abiding, intelligent faith for the men and women of tomorrow. The poor natives have often asked the good missionary to give their children a Catholic school. The priest wants the children to have a school; God wants the little ones to learn of Him. Do you not want to help make possible the fulfillment of these wants?

The Missioner must become a beggar or allow these children to grow up without religion. Between these two alternatives, there is no choice for the soul-loving apostle. He must beg, for the cause is not his, but the Master's. Twenty thousand dollars are needed to erect an adequate building. This is a large amount—for one person; but if many contribute their mites, the amount can be gained without burden to any one. Obey that impulse! Send your contribution either directly to the resident missioner, Rev. Theo. Butterbruch, S. V. D., Bangue, Abia, Philippine Islands; or through his confere here in the United States, Rev. William Finemann, S. V. D., Techny, Ill.

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