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Prayer

We believe that there really is more of a religious feeling abroad than many of us know. We believe that the great World's War brought home to men who had been careless and indifferent to religion and who rather looked upon faith in God and belief in a hereafter as a sort of mental weakness, that there is a God, that there is a hereafter, who learned to pray and who have prayed ever since.

And how hollow and how devoid of any true feling is the man who cannot and does not pray. What a satisfaction to one who can feel and believe that there is a God who orders all things; that there is a Savior who died that we might live, that those who have gone before are not returned as clouds to the earth but are watching over us, praying for us, interceding for us on high.

That there is not a savage race that has not some form of prayer, a belief in a Supreme Being is the best proof that there must be a God to whom we can pray and who hears and answers prayer.

Legate's Address

Cardinal O'Connell, of Boston, represented the Holy Father as Apostolic Legate in the recent Holy Name Congress in Washington—one of the most impressive gatherings ever assembled in the National Capital.

His closing address is worthy not only of reproduction but also of preservation. It follows:—

"In this solemn moment of the closing hour of this great national convention of the Society of the Holy Name, our hearts are deeply stirred to a public expression of our supreme gratitude and thankfulness—first, to Almighty God, the Giver of all good gifts, Who has sent down His innumerable graces and favors to bless us all during these momentous days, devoted to His eternal honor and glory.

"To His Divine Son, Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, to honor Whose Holy Name these countless thousands have assembled here, to our Holy Father, the Vicar of Christ, Pius the Eleventh, who lent to this assembly the glory and the honor of a personal Apostolic Legate; to the President of these United States, the head and Chief Executive of our beloved America, who has added by his eloquent and precious words a new lustre to the noble civic aims of this society, to the prelates and priests who from every part of this great country have presented themselves here or sent their representatives to add a stimulus and encouragement for an increase in the life and the interests of this confraternity, and especially too His Grace, the Archbishop of Baltimore, who has been to us a gracious and generous host; to all the delegates and members who, by their presence and by their labors have contributed to the unique success of this convention, to the authorities and citizens of Washington who have given to us a bounteous hospitality, and last, but certainly not least, to the Press we offer from our hearts the expression of an appreciation which we cannot frame in words, but which will be to us all a blessed and a permanent memory while life lasts.

"We opened this convention as the Apostolic Legate of His Holiness, to the glory of Christ's Holy Name and [illegible] Holy Name we [illegible] its sessions closed.

"With the name, therefore, of Our Holy Father Pope Pius the Eleventh, [illegible] committed by His [illegible] I beg God's choicest [illegible] upon all here present, upon [illegible] capital of our nation, [illegible] beloved country, [illegible] the Apostolic Benediction.

"And now let us kneel at the feet of Christ Himself in the Solemn Benediction of His Sacrament of Love."

A Catholic Gentleman

It is with pleasure that we reprint from the New York Central Employees' Magazine, the following tribute to the new president of the Central lines, Patrick E. Crowley, not only a great railroad man but a fine Catholic man who rarely misses daily mass.

"It was with a peculiar sense of satisfaction that employees all along the line heard the news of the Board of Directors' action in electing P. E. Crowley as president of the New York Central Lines in succession to the late lamented A. H. Smith.

"In every department it was felt that a friend and fellow-worker was sitting in the executive chair.

"There was particular gratification that the Directors had seen fit to select a New York Central man for this premier railroad post and that their choice had fallen on one who had done so much to deserve it. Mr. Crowley's rich endowment of gifts of mind and personality nowhere have been so well known as among the men with whom he has worked and one of whom he has been for the past thirty-odd years. His knowledge, from experience, of their daily problems, his broad grasp of railroading and his always sympathetic, fair-minded attitude in dealing with their requests, his wholesome, genial personality which makes a friend of everybody he meets—all these have long been familiar to the rank and file of whom he has been proud to count himself one.

"Mr. Crowley has announced that he will continue in force the policies initiated by the late President Smith. It is well to remember that Mr. Crowley had, after Mr. Smith, perhaps the most active part in evolving and putting into effect many of these policies. There is, therefore, nobody else who could so well interpret them and carry them forward.

"No railroad president could enter upon the heavy responsibilities of the office under stronger auspices than has Mr. Crowley. Behind him is standing a loyal, united army of more than 160,000 workers.

"The best way in which they can show their appreciation of Mr. Crowley's selection as their leader is to continue undiminished their splendid efforts to make this beyond cavil the world's greatest railroad."

Klan A Challenge

That the Protestant Churches in the South should put the Ku Klux Klan on trial for "blasphemy against their Christ and for perversion of His teachings" was the declaration of Rabbi Stephen S. Wise in his New Year's sermon in New York before the Central and Free Synagogues on "The Paramount Problems of the Jew."

"The counsel is offered by some of our fellow Jews to take no notice of the klan," he said, "as if forsooth we had called this loathsome spirit from the vasty deep of hate. The truth is that the klan has not so much affronted as challenged us, and we would be less than men if we left the burden of reply altogether to others assailed by the klan. I am prepared to assent to the truth that the most real and terrible challenge by the klan is of and against the church of 'white Protestant Gentiles.'

"Let the Christian Churches of the South put on trial for blasphemy against their Christ and for perversion of His teachings, the leaders of this most foul and unnatural crime against the soul of Christianity and the very life of our American ideals. Against the klan not one rabbi of the synagogue, but the bishops of the American Christian churches must speak. And when they speak let it be with the courage and directness of the platform of one of our political parties which declared within the week concerning the klan: 'We scorn its support; we prize its ill-will.'"

President Coolidge's address to the Holy Name Society was a scholarly one and gave evidence that the Chief Executive of the Nation is a man of deep religious conviction.

One impressive item in the National Catholic News Service: A thousand nuns belonging to the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary volunter to work among the lepers of the Far East.

The Britishers have an easier way of getting rid of their government than we have. If they defeat the Government on an important matter of policy, the Ministry must resign and present themselves to the people for approval or disapproval in a general election.

We Are Not Alone

That we Catholics are not alone in our belief that Christian training is necessary in the school and that there are others who boldly proclaim it, is demonstrated by the following advertisement inserted in a Louisville paper under the heading "Christian Education", by the Rev. F. Schumacher for the Evangelical Lutheran School of the Redeemer:—

"The Lutheran school at Twenty-second and Madison streets, is maintained on the principle that the fear and love of God is the beginning of wisdom. We offer a graded course of daily instruction in the fundamentals of religion and Christian training, preparing our pupils for a happy and useful Christian life, as well as for sound American citizenship. We also provide a thorough and complete eight-grade course in grammar school work.

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Two New Bishops

Two new Bishops were added to the American Hierarchy on October 30, when Rt. Rev Francis Kelley was consecrated in Chicago as Bishop of Oklahoma and Rt. Rev. Casimir Plagens was consecrated in Detroit as Titular Bishop of Rhodopolis and Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit.

Cardinal Mundelein was the consecrator of Bishop Kelley who was for nineteen years president of the Catholic Extension Society and has been the driving genius of that organization. He was also the real editor of "Extension" that foremost of Catholic magazines.

It is stated that Bishop Plagens is the first Bishop to be consecrated in Detroit although the city has been the seat of a Diocese for ninety-one years.

A striking instance of religious tolerance was seen in the Holy Name parade in Washington which was witnessed by thirty nuns from the the windows of the Young Men's Hebrew Association building.

And now comes the news that Ramsay MacDonald's granduncle was a Benedictine priest.

St. Xavier College Will Seek $1,000,000 Without A Campaign

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

Cincinnati, Oct. 17—St. Xavier College here has enlarged its Foundation Committee to include many more friends of the college, in addition to the thirty prominent alumni and Cincinnati business and professional men who have been its members. It is sought to raise a fund of one million dollars through private solicitation, without a campaign. This money will be used for the erection of a $125,000 library building, to be started in the spring of 1925; a $250,000 chapel, a $300,000 recitation hall for Liberal Arts classes and a $200,000 gymnasium.

St. Xavier, founded as "The Athenaeum" in 1831 by the Rt. Rev. Edward D. Fenwick, O. P., first Bishop of Cincinnati, now has a College of Liberal Arts, a College of Law, a School of Commerce and normal, extension and Saturday special classes. It received its present name in 1840. With the dedication of Eliet residence hall, it has just returned to the status of a boarding college after being a day school since 1854, when dormitories were abolished.

Archbishop Curley Calls Immigration Law Unfair And Unwise

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

Baltimore, October 13.—Speaking at the laying of the cornerstone of the new Knights of Columbus Home here, Archbishop Curley denounced the restrictive immigration law enacted by the last session of Congress as "conceived in an anti-Catholic spirit, which is intolerant and unwise."

"In the years to come we shall see the harmful effects of such legislation," the Archbishop said. "America should keep her door open to all persons who wish to enter and become industrious, law-abiding citizens."

The Archbishop referred to the fact that the exercises were held on Columbus Day and said:

"I have emphasized the fact that Columbus was an Italian because he was instrumental in contributing only a part of what Italy has given to the world. Italy has given us a [illegible] a Raphael and a Columbus. Italy probably has contributed more to the cultural, intellectual and artistic life of the world than any other nation. Yet we, through our Congress have Italians labeled as undesireables."

Governor Ritchie and Isaac S. George, State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus, were other speakers at the cornerstone laying.

Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days

Sunday, October 26.—St. Evaristus, Pope and martyr. He succeeded St. Anacletus and governed the See of Rome for nine years. To him is ascribed the institution of the order of Cardinal Priests. He died in 112 and was buried near the tomb of St. Peter.

Monday, October 27.—St. Frumentius, who while a child on a voyage to Ethiopia with his uncle was captured by barbarians who put to death all save Frumentius and his brother Edesius. He was raised in the King's court and on the death of the monarch received his freedom. At the request of the Queen, the Saint remained at Court. St. Athanasius ordained him and later he was consecrated Bishop of the Ethiopians. Many converts were brought to the Faith through his efforts.

Tuesday, October 28.—Sts. Simon and Jude. Simon was a simple Gallilean called by the Saviour to be one of the pillars of the Church. With great zeal he battled against unbelief and sin and brought many souls to Christ: St. Jude was a brother of St. James the Less. He preached first in Mesopotamia and later he and St. Simon met in Persia where they were martyred together.

Wednesday, October 29.—St Narcissus, Bishop, was consecrated Bishop of Jerusalem about the year 180. Among the miracles ascribed to him is that of converting water into oil one Holy Saturday when there was no oil for the lamps. When he was falsely accused by his enemies he withdrew into the desert. However, his three accusers were confounded and suffered the terrible penalties which they had called down upon themselves if their accusations proved to be untrue. God called Narcissus back to Jerusalem to resume his office.

Thursday, October 30.—St. Marcellus the Centurian, Martyr, was thrown into prison because while a captain in the legion of Trajan, he refused to take in the impious birthday celebration of the Emperor Maximian Herculeus. He was beheaded October 30, 298.

Friday, October 31.—St. Quintin, Martyr, was descended from a Roman senatorial family. Full of zeal for the faith, he made his way into Gaul attended by St. Lucian of Beauvais Quintin preached at Amiens where he was seized and thrown into prison. When threats and promises failed to shake his faith he was most barbarously tortured and finally beheaded.

Saturday, November 1.—All Saints Day. Day by day the Church pays a special veneration to some one or more of the holy men and women who have helped to establish it by their blood. But in addition to those whom the Church honors by special designation, or has inscribed on her calendar, there are many other holy martyrs, virgins, penitents, anchorites, and others deserving of honor and veneration. For this purpose All Saints Day has been set aside.

Religion True Basis Of Character Dean Of Illinois Asserts

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

Urbana, Ill., Oct. 16.—"The foundation of moral character is religion," declared Dean Thomas Arkle Clark, dean of men at the University of Illinois at a meeting of the Catholic students of the university held under the auspices of the Catholic Foundation at the University and presided over by the director, the Rev. John A. O'Brien, Ph. D.

"The surest guarantee of moral rectitude", continued Dean Clark, "is a strong faith in God. The character that lacks that solid bedrock for a foundation, rests upon the unstable and shifting sands of human caprice.

"That is why I, as an official of a state university, encourage every student to hold fast to his religious faith during his days at the University. For if he suffered his faith in God to be wrecked, he would lose the most potent influence for right living and for the development of human character that exists in the world today.

"You Catholic students should hold fast to your religious faith and should practice it conscientiously during your school days at Illinois. By so doing you will be better students of the University and better citizens of the state."

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Birmingham Bishops Consecrated On Same Day In Two Churches

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

London, Oct. 10.—Two Birmingham bishops—one Catholic and the other Anglican—were by a curious coincidence consecrated on the same day. While Msgr. Micheal Francis Glancey, Vicar General, was being consecrated Bishop of Flaviopolis, to be Auxiliary to the Archbishop of Birmingham, the well-known Anglican Canon Barnes went through the consecration service at Westminster Abbey.

The Catholic conseration was attended by the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, who had previously announced that, being a Catholic, he could not attend the Protestant service. The Mayor of Stratford-on-Avon, a Catholic, also was present, both civic heads wearing their robes and chains of office.

The new Catholic Bishop is seventy years of age. The consecration of a Birmingham Auxiliary was made necessary by the incapacity of the Archbishop, who had a stroke a few months ago.

Speaking at a lunch which followed the consecration, the Bishop of Plymouth said Msgr. Glancey's appointment would not create any "electrical disturbance". The people knew what he believed and what he would teach

There was here more than a hint that the same could not be said of the new Anglican Bishop of Birmingham

A slight disturbance occurred at Bishop Barnes' enthronement, a man shouting "Anyone who says we are decended from monkeys is a liar, and it is a sin against God." He was charged in court and was discharged

Priest Who Plunged 1,800 Miles Through Jungle Has Jubilee

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

London, Oct. 9.—A priest who trekked 1,800 miles on foot in three months in an unknown region of Africa among uncivilized people has just celebrated his silver jubilee at Corby, Lincolnshire, where he is now parish priest.

Father Lambert van der Kallen, ordained by Cardinal Vaughan, was among the first priests to go out from St. Joseph's Foreign Mission College, Mill Hill. He went to Uganda, with a little band of pioneers.

Many of his companions paid an early toll, killed by the climate, but Father van der Kallen pushed on through the unknown country and established a record which must rank among the best feats of endurance ever accomplished.

After fifteen years in Uganda, where he established many missions, chapels and schools, he returned to England ten years ago to settle down to parish work under less exacting physical conditions.

The Bishops of Nottingham was present at his jubilee rejoicings, and non-Catholics joined with the Catholics of the district in making Father van der Kallen a substantial presentation.

Governor Of Georgia Admits He Attended Klan Klonvocation

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

Atlanta, October 15.—The Atlanta "Constitution" today publishes a story in which Governor Clifford Walker of Georgia is quoted as admitted that he was the "Governor of a great State" referred to in news dispatches as having addressed the Imperial Klonvocation of the Ku Klux Klan at Kansas City last month.

News dispatches at the time of the Klonvocation said the Governor made forceful arguments against the hierarchy of the Catholic Church and the threatened destruction of American and Americanism by encroachment of Jewish, Celtic, and Mediterranean races." In an interview here, however, according to the "Constitution", the Governor" gave an entirely different version of his speech, asserting that he pleaded with Klansmen for religious tolerance."

Father Hughes, Head Of Missions Bureau, Becomes A Monsignor

Washington, D. C., Oct. 17.—Rev. William Hughes, Director of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, received official notification today of his appointment as a Domestic Prelate.

Monsignor Hughes was born in Sacramento January 9, 1880, attended Catholic and public schools in that city, and received the degrees of Bachelor and Master of Arts from St. Mary's College, Oakland. He studied philosophy at the Catholic University, Washington D. C., from 1900 to 1903, theology at St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers, New York, and was ordained August 15, 1905, in the cathedral at Los Angeles, for the diocese of Monterey and Los Angeles.

With a view to taking up mission work, Father Hughes, after three years as assistant pastor in Los Angeles and Pasadena, went to old Mexico to study Spanish, and upon his return, was assigned as missionary among the Spanish speaking Indians of San Jacinto, attending also Mission Indians of Soboba, Cahuilla, Santa Rosa, San Isidro and San Ignacio Reservations.

Father Hughes became Assistant Director of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions in 1912, acquitting himself of his duties with energy and zeal until 1916, when he was recalled to Los Angeles for diocesan work. In December, 1917, he enlisted in United States Army Chaplain and served with the 87th Division in France and the 1st Division in Germany until June 14, 1919. Upon his return, he was assigned to the pastorate of St. Basil's, Los Angeles, and in December, 1921, he was chosen by the Archbishops of the Indian and Negro Board, as Director of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, to succeed Monsignor Ketcham whose death occurred November 14, 1921.

Monsignor Hughes has written much for newspapers and periodicals on the subject of Indian missions and has made a valuable collection at first hand of primitive Indian beliefs. At the Sioux Catholic Indian Congress hold in South Dakota in 1922, the Sioux conferred on him the title of "Wambli Wakita," (Watching Eagle.)

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