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ATTENTION CATHOLIC PEDAGOGUES

The Teaching of Religion is a muchdiscussed topic. Some say you can; others ing religion effective? Do people lead religious lives and die a religious death, because of or in spite of the catechism they have been taught? Again, who knows? One thing we do know, if religion can be taught in the catechism class, the Catholic pedagogue has not been nearly as anxious to check the efficiency of technic in this subject as in arithmetic, spelling and the other secular branches.

The Archbishop of Birmingham has just sanctioned a revised scheme of religious edu-Children will not be taught the printed Catechism before they reach the age of eleven years. Is this to eliminate "parrot learning," which is said to be detrimental to voluntary religious actions? Children between the ages of five and eight will learn nothing about mortal sin. The common prayers will be learned by heart, also some The children will be told some biblical stories of Creation, Our Blessed Mother, the Sacred Infancy, Our Lord's Death, Resurrection and Ascension and of Pentecost. More stories from the old Testament, and First Communion stories may be added. Between the ages of five and eight the children will learn of God, as the Maker of all things, Who can do all and knows all things, sees all things, lives in Heaven, where they are to live with Him, if they are good. hTey will learn of the Trinity and of the Real Presence; of sin and sorrow for sin (without mention of mortal sin); of kindness to companions, and of self-denial.

To pupils from the ages of eight to eleven the prayers will be taught, further hymns, including the Latin words of the Benediction hymns, the sung responses at Mass, the easier parts of the Common of the Mass. Explanation will be made of stories from the Old and New Testament, the words of prayers and hymns in common use, the feasts and seasons of the Church, the common Sacramentals, the actions of the Mass, and the seven Sacraments, and they will have frequent brief instructions on Confession and Communion. From eleven-plus to fourteen or fifteen, pupils will learn the Catechism in a three years' course. Only certain specified answers will be learned by heart. In this period the pronunciation of Latin will be learned, as well as the responses at Mass. An outline will be given of the ages before tory of the Church.

The admonition to his superintendents of education is most fitting the Archbishop, administrators: "What I ask of the diocesan ordinary methods of inspection for the systematic examination of all the children. And But let us see: I hope that the inspectors, in addition to observing faithfully and reporting, will do all they can to foster and encourage and spread

REMOVING BIGOTRY

vention, in Savannah, Ga. When this associ-tate the pharisee and publican in entering. ation was organized, bigotry was rampant in But there our imitation of both stops. One bundred such articles were published every tools, neither brag nor weep. ek in the daily papers of the State. Many them were vile in language and in char-habits of this kind, and when our attention

reated with contempt.

Thanksgiving

Thanks be to God on this glad day. For time to work, and for time to play. Thanks be to Him for skies of blub-And for friendship so good and true.

Thanks be to Him for His sunlight. And for sweet sleep and rest at night And when the night is passed and gone-Thanks be to Him for each glad dawn.

Thanks be to Him for health and strength, And for our lives whate'er their length. Oh! He is kind to one and all-He even marks the sparrows fall.

Thanks be to Him for blooming flowers, To gladder make our eartbly hours, Thanks be to Him when Summer's old-For the pretty leaves of red and gold.

Thank Him for His most tender care, While on this earth He lets us stay-Let each day be Thankskiving Day.

-John A, Twamley.

The Catholic Laymen's Associationttle handful of earnest men at the starthas accomplished this. Accomplished it by kindness, by perseverance, by honest explanation of the truths and teachings of the Church. A capable man is employed by the Association. He answers every attack on rock of bigotry, then a giant in size. Now and statesman died this week. it is flat, like a well-used paving stone.

Admiral William S. Benson was one of from the Catholic's view-point might be miral Benson, be it known, was commander-somewhat biblical: "Come and see." Yes, in-chief of the United States Navy in the we have taught, and are teaching the cate- World War. He is a convert, a fine type of his youth. Irish blood in America was rundid them part, he represented that conhis talk. He said:

> "Never, in my judgment, was the world more in need of the Catholic Church than it is today. The patrimony of Catholic teachings which Protestants took with them when they left the household of the Faith in the Sixteenth Century they have spent and dissipated. Their old firm faith has departed from their hearts. All they have retained of their Protestant consciousness is a blended fear and detestation of the Catholic Church.

> Catholics should attempt to win the confidence and good will of these people. They don't dislike us for what we really are; they dislike us for what they erroneously conceive us to be. On our side, we can not justly condemn them for disliking us till we are sure they sin against knowledge.

> "The most potent influence in imressing those outside the Church good example. And there are other ways in which we Catholic laymen can further the apostolate to the millions of our fellow Americans who misconceive the doctrines of our Church. We can reach them with the printed word; with literature which presents to them the facts of our faith, the proof of our loyalty to our country. We can use the radio in the same endeavor. We can support the Catholic press and give our help to the missions to non-Catholics.

BRING YOUR TOOLS

Let us admit it. Some of us do find the ime of Sunday Mass long. But have we time of Mass seems long to us—to me, the reader, if I am one of them.

Perhaps we are like a plumber the writer heard of. This is not any reflection on loved. plumbers for there are thousands of good honest plumbers and perhaps just a few not quite so honest. This one was phoned for because a pipe had burst and a flood of water was pouring all over the floors and over some new rugs. The victim of the minature flood was anxious to have that plumber come and come quickly and stop the overflow. He Christ, and the pupils will learn something came. His manus were in his shop a mile away. He came. His hands were in his pockets; his looked things over and went back to his shop on foot to get a wrench to shut off a rusty valve which had broken. Then, in the course and worthy of the attention of all Catholic of an hour, the flood was over. But the householder asked with some strong laninspectors is to inspect; and, therefore, I guage and more heat, why did you not bring fully approve of your desire to substitute your tools? We apologize to all plumbers for the story since it represents none of them.

We go to Mass. We have our hands in our pockets, those of use who have pockets: and those who have no pockets have a vanity they can to foster and encourage and spread case or some such contraption to polish up the best teaching practice wherever it may a bit in the vestibule before we enter the house of God. But where are our tools? Where is our prayer book, if we have one? Where are our Rosary beads? The answer seems to be that they are back home like the The Catholic Laymen's Association of tools of the plumber. We enter the house of Georgia recently held its 14th annual con- God for the sacrifice of the Mass. We imihe State of Georgia. Nearly all newspapers bragged of his imaginery virtues, and the biblished false and vicious attacks upon the other showed his humility by striking his catholic Church regularly. More than a breast and weeping. But we, without our

This is not meant to scold. We fall into Everywhere in the State the Church is called to them we wonder that we fell. We on the defensive; was under suspicion; gave ourselves credit for having more sense Next Sunday, bring your tools to church different. In all the secular with you, your prayer book, your beads, and Sate, not more than 25 or 30 use them and you will be more agreeably hting the Church are pub-astonished at the pleasure you will receive Most of these are from the Mass in which you take part when is no viciousness now, you come prepared. And to make this more sure, never hear a Mass without offering it

Church Should Help America

"All intelligent men are agreed, and we ourselves have with pleasure intimated, that America seems destined for greater things. Now, it is our wish that the Catholic Church should not only share, but help to bring about, this prospective greatness. We deem it right and proper that she should, by availing herself of the opportunities daily presented to her, keep equal step with the Republic in the march of improvement, at the same time striving to the utmost, by her virtue and her institutions, to aid in the rapid growth of the States."-(Letter of Pope Leo XIII, to U. S. Bishops.)

"TAY PAY" O'CONNOR

A golden link, uniting the Ireland of the Church. In the beginning he had to go fighting days with the Ireland of peace and whether writing or speaking. Even his two Spaniards, one Norwegian, one Ausprogress, is missing from life. "Tay Pay" whether writing of speaking. Even this progress, is missing from life. "Tay Pay" political enemies, and his country's enemies, trian, one Netherlander, one Ethiopian, and to business men, and plead with them to O'Connor, father of the British House of show a spirit of American fair-play towards Commoris, noted writer, brilliant orator, yielding to him at times. He founded and fessional bigots to rave and rant about.

the millions when "Tay Pay" was born in

organizer. At the age of nineteen he was

stinct of a child turning to stand by a compative father, "Tay Pay" stood by Parnell. Through thick and thin he stood by him; through coercion, threats and terror; through sorrow and disgrace. He never failed his leader, and it cannot be said truthfully that he ever failed Ireland. But he was not charnpion of the sword, of rebellion, of bloodshed. He sought reforms in ways of peace, and he fought unceasingly for the rights that are inherently the right of every people and every nation. He came to Amerca often, and here his golden voice thrilled many thousands of hearts, and won for Ireland great and generous help from her children and her friends. He fought Gladstone when Gladstone fought Ireland, and he walked arm in arm with Gladstone when the tried to examine our souls and see why the latter opened his mind and his heart to the suffering people of Erin. And when Gladstone died he wrote and spoke of him with an eloquence that is still remembered and still

But for all his Parliamentary experience,

for some particular purpose. What do you want? Have you dead relatives? We all have the dead to pray for, and we all want many things. Say to yourself when you sympathy, not religious antagonism. An open your prayer book to begin Mass: Lam attempt to prepare the way for a better state going to hear this Mass and to take part in of that kind is the mark set here." it for-and add your intention. When you leave the church, you will find the time has members of the three religious groups as a

his heart was always in literature. He wrote unceasingly, and always painstakingly -beautiful English, vigorous style, appeal-Ireland was counting her famine-dead by people, but not for "Tay Pay".

a reporter on a Dublin paper. Then he went they do upon all men, and a few months ago fluence the Devil fears. But it is this to London, to write, and he faced poverty his friends gave him a most generous purse, influence that will help unite the world in and want for the work he loved. In 1880 he that he might spend his declining days in Christian ties of good will and friendship, was elected to Parliament from Galway, quietness and rest, free from labor and from obstructing sin and crime, blocking wars, succeeding a friend. Indeed, he often said financial worries. But, with the sun of conhis election was a matter of chance, because tentment smiling upon him, he closed his the whole world over. Our prayers to God then he had only a writer's interest in polieyes and died. Beloved by his native land, will help this little State achieve its high beloved by the people of England, known and aim; our prayers to God will be better for it But Charles Stewart Parnell was in the loved the world over, he sleeps in a beautiful than battleships on sea or brigades of

FOR RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE

Five-hundred Catholics, Protestants and Jews attended the sessions of the seminar ly appointed leader. conducted by the Calvert round table of Boston during the past week. Religious tolerbigotry, narrowness, false propaganda, religious misunderstanding, and the many other things that provide seed for the professional distributor of poisonous intoler- Presidential election. It published one series

President A. Lawrence Lowell of Harvard advance Alfred E. Smith's interests. "Wild University, the Rev. Michael J. Ahern, S.J., Temple Israel, Brookline. The sessions were English, "Wild Bill" took the stand that to

President Lowell asked this question: "Is mankind doomed forever to have its vorst propensities?"

He answered it by saying: "What is needed is to arouse religious

Rabbi Levi described the meeting of gone too quickly, because you gave it in day for humiliation, not jubilication, because allowed to permeate its veins and pollute its whole hearted interest to God. ... it had taken so long to come."

WAYSIDE WHEAT

By the Managing Editor

Mexico is emerging from its nightmare of darkness and irreligion. More than a year ago the Rev. Jose deGarcia was arrested for the great crime of baptizing a child in the home of its parents. He was duly tried and solemnly convicted. Two courts upheld his sentence, and he appeared doomed for a long term on a desolate penal colony. Then came the truce with the Church, and now the National Supreme Court of Mexico decides that Father deGarcia didn't commit any crime at all, that he had a right to baptize the child. What a travesty on civilization that any nation should drag before its courts in this age and time any man who humbly follows the teachings of Jesus Christ: "Going therefore teach we all nations: baptizing them-in-the-name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

Pope Pius XI has 530 subjects in the Vatican State. There are 389 Italians, 118 published several newspapers that have grown and prospered—with profit for other But they do rave, and undoubtedly will keep grown and prospered—with profit for other right on raving. The Devil will be their say you can't. Who knows? The answer the speakers at the recent convention. Ad- Athlone in October, 1848. Bitterness, dis- England, Irish to the core, took "Tay Pay" the Vatican State, its population and its content and rebellion against British tyranny to its political heart, and from that day to influence. For the power of this State is not Yes, in-chief of the United States Navy in the and coercion filled the whole atmosphere of this, in sunshine and in storm, until death centered in things temporal—in armies, chism, in our parochial schools. But some man, an upstanding citizen, and a devout ning strong in the veins of millions of exiled stituency in the House of Commons. This navies, industries, commerce, etc. It is censons and daughters. The gibbet and the penal colonies were claiming at home many a stalwart son who loved freedom better than life "Vounce Trained" was rising above the life most popular publications in London for the most appeal of the most popular publications in London for the life was a sixtuated in things Spiritual—in God's things; God's work; God's ideals and teachings, and from this little State, with its tiny handful the most popular publications in London for the little state, with its tiny handful the most popular publications in London for the little state. life. "Young Ireland" was rising above the sorrows and shadows of the great famine as many years. It reflected his quaint humor, world an influence greater than that ever his kindliness of heart, his sympathetic and jobtained by sword, bayonet or cannon; But out of all this "Tay Pay" grew to discerning interest in all people, his keen greater than that of the mighty armies of love peace. He was above all else a student, vision in political affairs, and it brought him Frederick the Great, of Napoleon, of Marshal Age and infirmities crept upon him, as this influence the bigots fear. It is this in-Foch, or Marshal Von Hindenburg. It is British House of Commons, stern, severe, caseless in his work and his planning, to force needed reforms from unwilling British justice for more than a half a century of rulers for his beloved Ireland. With the intruitful time.

Catholic Cemetery in London, where his infantry on land. And the common good of our lives, the common sweetness and beauty of our faith—all this will reflect a glorious stimat of a shill time. and help it in its mission and its undertaklings. Each one of us can do his or her share to build up the influence of the Vatican State, and to hold up the hands of its divine-

> Father Ahern declared the groups should ance was the subject under discussion—how use a filter over their hearts and souls to see to live together in harmony; how to prevent and understand each other "in their true

> The Calvert Society to combat bigotry was organized a few weeks before the late of advertisements during the campaign, and The speakers at one of the sessions were was promptly accused of using religion to Bill" Donovan of Buffalo, Hoover champion. Weston College, and Rabbi Harry Levi of sent his resignation to the society. In plain held at Fogg Art Museum of Harvard Col- fight bigotry in the heat of a campaign was to help Al. Smith. That position cost Donovan a lot of prestige among right-thinking people of the country. For right-thinking ove linked with its hatred, its best with its people thought the time to fight bigotry was when bigotry was rampant. And if it ever was rampant in America, that time was during the late national election. However, the fervor without religious rancor, religious society lay dormant, and is now taking up its work with spirit, with energy and along lines that should be productive of excellent results. The effect of its work will be watched with interest, for no country can live and

Sunday's Liturgy

By DOM ERNEST KILZER, O.S.B.

Nov. 24 Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost

By Dom Cefestine Kapsner, O.S.B.

Collegeville, Minn. As we put aside our daily toil today, the Lord's day, and pass from upon us. It is the last Sunday in the Ecclesiastical Year the Church has lived through the history of the redemption from the beginning starting with Advent, and we are now at character re-enacted in to-day's

Once more we have lived in the we have been enriched with the our warks (Gospel).

Filled with this thought at the the saints in light. The Gospel nar- battle of life with greater zeal. It day, the Lord's day, and pass the of peace and not of ametron, you the external world to offer up the shall call upon me and I shall hear supreme sacrifice of the Mass, a you" (Introit). The Confitteer you" (Introit). strikes us more forceful today; we annual Liturgical Cycle. During the are accusing ourselves in the presence of the Supreme Judge, awaiting His eternal decision. We appeal to the saints with more fervor for judgment, we shrink back into our

'In the words of the Epistle accord-

they are our witnesses for mercy and lowliness and plead more sincerely Memorial College's junior building the end, not of life but of the world justice. The Collect moves our will with the Lord to accept our offerings for boys, constructed at a cost of we live in. Such is the dramatic to greater action for the next com- and prayers favorably and to change \$125,000, has been dedicated ing Church year: "Stir up the wills our minds and hearts in accordance by the Rt. Rev. R. A. Gerken, of Thy faithful, O Lord, we beseeth with His wishes, so that we may not Bishop of Amarillo, where the struc-Thee; that more earnestly seeking be too much attached to the fleeting Spirit of the Church the full life of after the fruits of good works, they things of time, but look forward to the gentle Savior. We have been may receive more abundant lielps the glory that awaits us in heaven donated by Mrs. Catherine E. Price, witnesses of His seemt into heaven from Thy mercy." The great truth of the final judggraces of the Holy Spirit, and now ing to St. Paul, holy Mother Church ment, that fittingly closes the litur- Lucien B. Price, merchant prince.

we meet Him at His final coming wishes to spur us on to prepare gical year, arouses within us a deepwith great power and majesty to even now for the coming of the day or appreciation of the value of the judge the living and the dead. The of final reckoning, that we may in Mass; for the Mass is the great was changed. judgment scene as pictured before crease our knowledge of God and source of encouragement and conthis great Judge on the final day of walk in the path worthy of our call-solation. Christ in the Mass makes Subscribe for the Catholic neckoming to render an account of ing and thank Him for making us up for our frality and weakness and worthy to be partakers of the lot of gives us confidence to continue the

determine forever the lot of man-

Conscious of the weight of such a

Prepared for the N. C. W. C. News heginning of Mass, we are greeted, rative, with its vivid descriptions of likewise assures us that the peace not with thoughts of anger, but with the disturbances of nature and the new out to us in the consoling message of neace: trumpet sounds of the angels calling Mass is not merely an empty promthe consoling message of peace: trumpet sounds of the angels caring mass is not message of peace: trumpet sounds of the angels caring mass is not message of peace: trumpet sounds of the angels caring mass is not message of peace: trumpet sounds of the angels caring mass is not message of peace: trumpet sounds of the angels caring mass is not message of peace: trumpet sounds of the angels caring mass is not message of peace: trumpet sounds of the angels caring mass is not message of peace: trumpet sounds of the angels caring mass is not message of peace. The Lord saith: I fhink thoughts winds gives it a characteristic pic- at the close of our captivity on winds, gives us a characteristic pic- at the close of our captivity on ture of the great power of God, and earth. impresses us with the importance of

the coming of the Savior as judge to College In Amarillo **Dedicates Building**

Denver, Nov. 22.-The new Price ture is located.

who wished to erect a suitable memorial for her husband, the late Upon receipt of her gift, the name of the college, formerly St. George's,

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