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### TO ALL OUR READERS

To all our readers, their families and their loved ones, we wish a blessed and benificent Christmas, and a happy New Year, rich in spiritual treasures, and in growth, work and deeds pleasing to Almighty God. The finest Christmas greeting in all the world, to our mind, is the first ever given—that of the angelic host to the shepherds of Judea:

"Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men of good will."

May this greeting be reflected in the hearts and souls of all our readers, and may God's best blessing brighten their lives and glorify their labors and their sacrifices.

### UNIVERSALITY OF THE CHURCH

A solemn Mass of requiem for deceased Cardinals of the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda Fide was celebrated in Rome a short time ago. The celebrant of the Mass was a negro from Venezuela; the deacon was a Hollander, and the subdescon a Japanese. The altar boys and choir members were students from the Urban College of Propaganda Fide in Rome, and they represented twenty-seven nationalities.

"Going, therfore, teach ye all na-

# I May Not Go to Bethlehem

I may not go to Bethlehom this blessed Christmas night,

Christmas night, But I can seek a little shrine, whose candles, burning bright, Are like upto the stars that shone in

Bethlehem's clear skies What time the Lord of Majesty came

down from Paradise. may not see that mighty host whose songs in joyous strain

Proclaimed the Infant Saviour's birth on Juda's holy plain;

But I can hear sweet voices sing the vity songs that rang Above the Christ Child's manyer on the

night the angels sang

I may not bring rich gifts of myrrh of frankincense or gold.

As did the ancient magi in the wondrous days of old; But like the simple shepherds I can do ma

humble part, if t before lits altar kneel, contribe and

clean of heart. For Jesus is no less with us than He was

long ago When first he came to Bethlehem amid the

cold and snow; And sure we are no less to Him, though

scant the gifts we bring, we with love ..... Him as our King. - Daniel E. Doran. we with love His altar seek and hall

# THE REAL PROPERTY AND ADDRESS OF THE PROPERTY OF T

great demand for religious greeting cards this year, he will be compelled to include a great number of these cards in his order for next year. I am sure if we do this, our Christmas will be happier, and we will also be awakening in the minds of others the real meaning of Christmas.

## CARRYING THE CROSS UP NORTH

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Gabriel Breynat, O.M.I., of Mackenzie, Northwest Territory, Canada, an aged man, left Fort Smith early last July to visit the mission stations along the Mackenzie River; and to found a new station at Coppermine River. It took him six weeks to reach his destination over rivers filled with ice floes and through deep forests. Then he built a chapel and rectory for a mission priest, and prepared to return to his home by airplane. But two airplanes which landed at the Coppermine River refused to take him as a pas-senger, and he prepared-for-a "snow-in" winter. But his priests at Forth Smith, alarmed by his absence, sent out a searching party of twelve airplanes for him. One of these planes found him philosophically awaiting the coming of winter, and in eleven hours had him back at Fort Smith.

Early in the summer Bishop Breynat visited a large portion of his Diocese by airplane, covering in one hour more territory than he could cover in many days by dog-sled, his former mode of travel. He has been head of his Diocese since 1901, and during these years has traveled thousands of miles by dog-sl Now he welcomes the airplane, and he hopes to use it a great deal in his work in the frozen North. We who live in a more favorable climate, with churches all around us, and the active automobile ready to whisk us back and forth to Church, have little idea of the sacrifices that are being made by priest and lay people who carry the cross up North. It is a wonderful spirit of Faith that inspires them to make these sacrifices. Let us not lose that spirit, but let us keep it alive by making worth-while sacrifices from time to time for Church and for God.

# The First Christmas

"And there were in the same country shepherds watching, and keeping the night-watches over their flock.

"And behold an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the brightness of God shone round about them, and they feared with a great fear.

"And the angel said to them: Fear not; for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, that shall be to all the people;

"For: This day is born to you a SAVIOUR, who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David.

"And this shall be a sign unto you: You shall find the infant wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger."-St. Luke II: 8-12.

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profit. But there is no doubt that a subscription to a Catholic paper, preferably the approved Catholic Diocesan paper, is one of the best gifts to send to those we esteem.

This year let us, in every case, make our Christmas gift reflect the religious spirit of the time. Let us have our Lord in it and have thoughts of our Lord suggested to those we are to greet from our hearts with the wish of a Merry Christmas.

### WHY APOLOGIZE?

Some time ago, a couple of men were carrying on a conversation in a railroad train. They seemed to be willing to have their near-by travellers listen to it. The discussion began with politics and the meddling in it by a few ministers of non-Catholic churches. Then they drifted on to religion." One of them seemed to be a good sample of an apologetic Catholic-one who will not allow his religion to inter-fere with his worldly interests. This companion apparently had for his religion: "Keep sober in public, do not get caught stealing or breaking the laws concerning purity, and all is well." The Catholic was accepting all kinds of attacks against his church without a word in its defense. Its doctrines were attacked, its priests and bishops misrepresented, and the old faise politics was being pressed. One non-Catholic bishop who has been particularly obnoxious to lawmakers in Washington, and to all honest Christian men, seemed to meet the approval of the non-Cathlic for his cannonading the Pope and all the Holy Father stands for. And the Catholic let it all pass, and never a word in defense of his faith, never a word spoken kindly in exized by the Catholic Church. Why, then, in face of the fact that we were here in -this-land-first, apologize to others who seem to object to us being here at all. No religion has more right to be in the western hemisphere than the religion professed by Roman Catholics. And though others came after us, they did all in their power to drive out the Catholics when they became numerous enough,

The treatment of Catholics in Maryland by non-Catholics, when they were given asylum there because Maryland gave religious freedom, is well known from history. The non-Catholics drove out their protectors because of religious belief. The Catholic Church always has been tolerant and has received in return ingratitude shown by bitter persecution. And to-day there is an element in our land which continues the bitter, narrow spirit of the much misunderstood Pilgrim fathers who narrow at home persecuted those who differed from them. They came to this land to gain-religious freedom, and then forcibly denied that religious freedom to otherswho differed from them. Many a priest and Catholic layman knew the feel of the lash and the tortures inflicted because they\_were\_found in the land-the-Pilgrim fathers claimed. And they were tormented and threatened with death if they returned, because they were of the religion of Christ, the religion of the great Catholic discoverer who gave the new world to all who would come, and who showed them the way to it.

Knowing these things as we should from reading our Catholic papers and our history and Catholic magazines, there is no excuse for any Catholic to side-track religious matters, to be ashamed of his faith, to apologize because he is a Catholic. We should glory in the fact that we are members of the only Church Jesus Christ founded. We should be ready to talk it to those who are interested. We should be so instructed by listening carefully to all sermons, by reading carefully our Catholic papers, that we may be able to give a clear and kind explanation of questions that come up pertaining to Catholic customs. And we should remember that we have nothing to apologize for in our religion. The good Catholic is a true follower of the Crucified One: he is a true and loyal citizen of the country in which he lives; he is obedient to its laws, or he is not a good Catholic. He does not interfere with the rights of others, and he does not thank any one for being allowed to practice his religion, which is the only true one, and the first one that the discoverers of the land brought to its shores.

Catholic doctrine and teaching insists on civilization and progress as a duty.' It has always done so. The Catholic Church is and has been the most effective instrument and the most secure guarantee for progressive civilization.

But what is civilization? Here philosophers and sociologists divide their camp. They are always splitting hairs on "Kultur" and civilization. Social helps which make man live better and better; the expansion of life; the enrichment of the intellectual, the artistic, the economic and industrial life; the closer connection of the finite and the Infinite-all of these give us some idea of how they dash and dodge.

The tendency to a better and higher civilization is not only a natural one, it is a solemn religious duty. God created us, He created us for Himself. We live for Him. He is the only end and reason for our existence. We must tend towards Him, we must always look to Him for our rules and standards of life. God is Existence and Life in its entirety. Bey-ond and above Him there is nothing which is life. In the control of our lives and ourselves, we become like Him and we fulfil a fundamental r. jour obligation. This expansion of life, this growing and becoming God-like, is exactly what we call Civilization and Culture. The task is a hard one. Without Catholicism, without the Word made Flesh," without the constant indwelling of Him, "even to the consummation of the world," without the Faith that makes us the "children of God," without the grace by which be become members of His mystical-body; thetask would be impossible.

In the periods of history we find the ruins of successive civilizations. They saw the light of day, they grew, they became mighty and they fell. What's the cause? In the cases of many, they are too deeply buried in the ruins of oblivion to be discernible. We may surmise. Very often there was self-destruction, due to a lack' of uniformity in ideas and ideals. A house divided amongst itself. Material wealth resulting in sensualism, frustrated learning, art, efficient action and spiritual progression in individuals and in groups. Attention, America. Sit up and learn your lesson. There is danger in the philosophies of materialism and sensualism.

There is a remedy in the Gospel-teach-ings and in the sound teachings of the Catholic Church. The first pages of the Book of Life proclaim the great law of abnegation. The Church of Christ is above time and space. Thus she transcends that individualism which has caused the death. of many civilizations in the past. It will kill ours, if we do not rise above wild nationalism, set aside false values of the rational order, and strive after the Catholic ideal of Christian civilization.

The Christian ideal in the individual soul is insufficient of itself to accomplish this. Only, a visible, universal and divinely organized Church, can give permanent and supernatural support to the collective work of humanity, which is civilization. Man is made up of soul and body, of matter and spirit. His highest ideals must rest on reality and on a sensible life. To ensure that we avoid fatal fantasies, so characteristic of human mortals; the divine Will must be interpreted for us by a visible authority which, with the help of the Holy Ghost raises us above the errors of our individual imaginations. Certainly, civilization is only the natural, terrestial and transitory aspect of the Kingdom of God; but is it required by our Heavenly Father for the peace and happiness of His children. Civilization will never be sure of being permanent if it is not supported by the power of the Holy Ghost who is in the Catholic Church alone until the end of time. Catholics have an inferiority complex, many say. In civilization and culture they are retards. Yes, Catholics think less of the good of this world than of their eternal salvation. They do not disdain matter, which is of God's creation, but they do not believe that progress consists in the stupidities of insensate luxury. They do not admit that their intellectual view of the world must depend on a transitory hypothesis which will soon join the melancholy specimens exhibited by scientists for example the behavioristic psychologist. They refuse to consider jazz and the "talkies" the highest form of art. In this Catholics are only the more representative of civilization and culture.

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tions," our Saviour said to His Apostles. Truly that command has been well obeyed, for there is not a land in the world, or a people, that has been neglected by the Church. There is no color line, and no racial line in the Church. Here all men are brothers in Christ. It is well.

### MINGLING WITH THE MIGHTY

His Royal Highness Sisowath-Monivong, king of Cambodia, recently received with becoming solemnity the Most Rev. Columbanus Dreyer, O.F.M., Apostolic Delegate to Indochina. The visitor was shown through the palace, the throne room, the pavilion of the Sacred Crown and Sword, and the beautiful Silver Temple. He rubbed elbows with the treasures of twenty centuries of time, and looked with tranquil eyes upon the famous Temple of Angkor-Wat, in perfect preservation after nine centuries of life. Here, in the Vicariate of Phnom-Penh, there are 67,564 Catholics in a population of 3,600,000. There are 71 native priests, zealous and devoted missionaries, and 350 native sisters, faithful followers of Christ.

Surely it will inspire us to do more for our Church in our own America when we read and know about the work of zealous missionaries in other lands—in lands that breathe the breath of ancient life and are blessed and enriched by the handiwork of centuries.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

#### By Miss Betty Nash Nazareth Academy

There are thousands and thousands of people who do not know the real meaning of Christmas. They look forward to this season merely as a time of jollification, a time at which gifts are given and received, a time for feasting and resting. indeed, according to the words of Mark Shriver, "Christmas in word and feast is quite forgot. 'Xmas,' they call it to eliminate the last fleeting reference to the Christ Mass that the season really is. Christmas is a festival and not a feast." Not only is this pagan idea of Christmas shown in the word Xmas, but it is exemplified still more by our cards with holly perries, yule logs, snow-covered scenes, but on any of these cards we find mention of the significance of the feast we are celebrating? There is scarcely a word about the Christ Child or the Blessed Virgin, the Star at Bethlehem or the Wise Men. Cannot we Sodalists, do something to combat this pagan idea of Christmas? I sugthat we set on foot a movement to rect only such greeting cards as are to our stationer, and put in our order to new part Cirlistmas cards, "he will be to meet our needs, and if there is a

### CHRISTIAN OR PAGAN-WHICH?

Our Lord's birthday is fast approaching. All of good will are planning, according to their pocketbooks, possibilities to show that good will. The aim is to make it a merry feast. And the aim should also be to make it a religious feast. To make Christmas merry and not religious in its celebration, is to celebrate Christmas with Christ left out.

There are many ways in which we show our good will to others. And many times we perhaps send some gift to another because we know or are afraid another will give us some token of good will. It is not comfortable to receive from others to whom we have forgotten to send some mark of our own good will.

However, there are many ways in which we show this good will. In every case, let us ask you, should not the re-ligious part of the feast be the most im-portant? And, if it is, then we will use religious gifts at least in part. We will use religious cards to express our best wishes. Amongst these we should choose religious cards which remind of the scenes about Bethlehem on that night when the King of Kings was born in the poor stable in that far-off hill side in Judea. But it seems that popular taste, which is not always good taste, has been running to so-called comics; to stage coaches of old England; to turkeys with a sprig of holley to decorate the dish on which their remains rest; to candlesticks, lighted, and to a thousand other such fancies which surely have not a thing to do with the feast of the Savior's birthday.

Religious cards to the children will teach them, when found with the other gifts so dear to childhood. A Catholic book store is a good place to visit when selecting. And what a real treasure you give when you send a good Catholic book, a new prayer book or some religious article. Some one said: Why not spread Christmas over the whole year? Why not make our gift a weekly visitor and a weekly reminder of our thought for our friends. The writer is not a stockholder in the paper in which this is found, hence he is not selling anything for personal

planation of the false charges made by the diseased mind of that Southern disturber. He was apologizing for being a Catholic in his actions, his words and his silence. And we ask: Why Apologize?

The statements that the Catholic Church is in politics and that it meddles with the rights of its children in political matters is well known to be false by honest non-Catholics. Every wide-awake Catholic keeps informed about his religion by taking and reading a Catholic paper or magazine and by a kindly explanation and denial of these bug-a-boos.

There has been and there is too much apologizing for our faith. There are too many who wish to side track religious matters because of their fear that it will lead to controversy. Religion should never lead to quarrels. It is a matter that should not be discussed in temper or anger. A plain statement of Catholic truths should be made, and if the statement is not accepted, let the matter rest, and never quarrel. That is one side of the question. But so many are ready to apologize. They forget that Catholics were the first to visit this land from across the ocean. Columbus did not hide his religion. His sailors were Catholics. The first priest to offer true sacrifice on our shores was a Catholic priest. The first church to be erected was a Catholic church. And then there followed a long - lics is the seed of civilization. Ignorance line of devout Catholic explorers and discoverers. Our rivers and cities bear the names of Catholics, and of Saints canon-

### CIVILIZATION, CULTURE, CATHOLICISM

It is queer the different meanings that have been associated with the above words. Men of all time have juggled them. At one time the persecution of Catholics was called a culture war, "kulturkampf." Others tell us that the pros-perity of a country dates from the death of Catholicism there. The blood of Cathoof Catholic teaching and Catholic history, voluntary and involuntary, generally produces error, which becomes an injustice.

Dec. 22 Sunday's Liturgy The Fourth Sunday of Advent By Dom Oliver Kapsner, O.S.B.

carries a message of joy anticipating the possession of the object. And thankseiving that is due to God to-tecting hand of God to lead it

(Prepared for the N. C. W. C. News why should not a people be evultant day. Service by the Liturgical Press, Collect of the Mass: "Stir up Thy icht is control of the first Sunday of Advent. this most holy night to shine forth enjoy His happiness in heaven, the night, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and whose minds are about to be purl- with the brightness of the true mystery of whose light we have come; and succour us with great fied and enlightened so that they light." During Advent we had asked known on earth."

power; that by the help of Thy may learn to know God once more God to "stir up His might, and grace the indulgence of Thy mercy (Collect for the second and third come." implying thereby that the Michigan Catholic may accelerate what our sins in-Sundays of Advent), who are with power of God was needed to wash pede: who livest and reignest with God (Collect for Christmas)! What away our stain of sin. Boday, as the God the Father in the unity of the people would not clamor impeluous true Light is sent into the world. well Holy Chost, God world without end. 19, as we do in today's collect, for acknowledge that it was God who a prize that is as great as all this? made this Light to shine forth with

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 20.-The Collect of the First Mass on the night of sin, wherein we could The Michigan Catholic Vigil with Collect of the First Mass on the night of sin, wherein we could The Michigan Catholic, of this city, The world is still without Jesus. That is what the collect for the fourth and last Sunday of Advent re-Christmas: O God, who bast made not know God. There is now no in the Old Testament when a Re with the brightness of the true knowing God. What more could we ter paper. The announcement is as deemer who was expected, had not light, grant, we beseech Thee, that desire? We have today received follows:

we not was expected, had not light, grant, we besteen rise, that users. We have today received follows: yet come but was about to come, we may enjoy His happiness in much more than we have deserved. "In this week's issue The Catho-Wearled by their consciousness of heaven, the mystery of whose light It is meet, therefore, that we praise lic Vigil, official organ of the Dio-sin, depressed by their own con-tinued helplessness, miserable be-cause still separated from God and reigneth, world without, end. Nevertheless, the true Christian The Rt. Rev. Joseph Pinten, D.D., weather that the second the true christian the Rt. Rev. Joseph Pinten, D.D., unable yet to go to Him, and re-Attien." joicing, nevertheled, in the expectasoul cannot but add a childlike peti- Bishop of Grand Rapids, approves of Throughout the whole of Advent tion to God even today. Conscious the consolidation, and asks the peo-the Sunday collects were ardent peti-that today's happiness is but a be ple and priests of his diocese to give tion of an oft promised Redeemer. the Chosen People are imploring the tions to God. Today's collect is ginning of that happiness us but a be-ple and priests of his diocese to give the Chosen People are imploring the tions to God. Today's collect is ginning of that happiness which God The Michigan Catholic the same loyal Redeemer to hasten His coming. mainly one of praise and fittingly has prepared for us for all eternity, support that was given to The The spirit of the entire collect so. Praise is thanksgiving; and it is the Christian soul implores the pro- Catholic Vigh."