

TEXT OF RADIO ADDRESS BY POPE PIUS XI
Prayer - - Action - - Sacrifice

mean City, May 22.—The following is the text of the Radio address delivered last Friday by Pope XI, translated by The Associated Press as the Pontiff spoke...

In Three Languages

Having been able to speak in three languages, we would like to be able to speak in others also, especially to our dear Polish, but since we have already spoken in Italian, French and German, largely understood also by the other national groups, and having said the same thing in them, we will continue in this manner.

Moreover, while some are listening, the others can read what we are saying in the booklets published for this purpose.

The booklets, as you have been able to see, announce our encyclical, Quadragesimo Anno, which will appear shortly as a comment on the Rerum Novarum of Leo XIII.

It is already in the press and will be published within a few days. We have thought to make this a memorial and a reminder of the encyclical of Leo XIII. This we have done in our new encyclical, and in memory of this we shall give to each a small medal depicting the subject of our two encyclicals and their author.

We have promised to give you something very short and which can put into three words all the eloquence of the Rerum Novarum and of the Quadragesimo Anno, for whatever the Catholic program or social direction, individual or social.

Into Three Words

Here are the three words—prayer, action, sacrifice. They are few words but full of significance.

These are the spiritual words of the Catholic activities—words which also shine forth on so many of your beautiful banners—glorious, reverent words; words which we have judged righteous and honorable for people of great kind; words which signify on these flags your faith, your ardor and your action, and are emblems of your sacrifice, you who are the successors of past people, you my beloved children.

Prayer, action and sacrifice. Prayer, in the first place prayer—the most essential condition of all, "because without Me you are able to do nothing."

Prayer is the expression of the greatest faith which helps us to make easy the apostolate. But above all it is that which Jesus calls the one most necessary thing, for the Kingdom of God is within you.

The First Essential

Prayer, the first and essential condition of all truthful apostolate, prayer which arms and prepares us with divine aid.

Action is the next thing, both in the domestic circle and in social circles.

Sacrifice Important

What is even more necessary than action is sacrifice, perseverance, method, and discipline in your work, which demand the submission of your personal ideas, and also demand your coordination and your subordination as workers.

These imply struggles, difficult, dangerous struggles which require intelligence and perseverance and obedience, and these will lead you to a final divine victory.

Prayer, action and sacrifice. This is what we recommend, what the encyclical Rerum Novarum has laid down, and what our encyclical now promulgates anew in order to continue and follow in the path of our predecessors' encyclical.

Prayer, action and sacrifice. There is the need of this Quadragesimo Anno to continue and to enlarge the plan laid down by the encyclical Rerum Novarum.

What You Need

Prayer, action and sacrifice—there is what the Holy Mother Church demands of those who labor with her in the vineyard of the gospel and in the divine work of the apostolate.

Prayer, individual, domestic, public and social, particularly social. Prayer, action and sacrifice—there is what is necessary for you, the children of our predilection. That is what you need, you, the workers, you, the financiers, you, who finance all industry, labor in justice and charity, in fraternity and in peaceful co-operation; in the practice of all virtues, toward the weak and the humble, above all toward the weak.

May the Holy Spirit descend upon you and upon your brothers and sisters in labor and also upon those who give you employment, and upon those who lend to your work the responsibility and intelligence of their management.

La Mia benedizione cada su tutti voi. (May my blessing descend upon all of you.)

President's Son Sells His Farm To Father Flanagan's Boys' Home And His Father Will Be Honored

Marker Will Be Unveiled to Memory of Benjamin Harrison on His Birthday Anniversary in August—Homeless Boys Cared For.

Omaha, Neb., May 22.—A stone marker to the memory of Benjamin Harrison, twenty-third president of the United States, will be unveiled on his birthday, August 20, at the new 160-acre farm purchased by the homeless lads of Father Flanagan's Boys' Home. The purchase adjoins the 160-acre farm upon which the Home is located.

The new farm was purchased from the heirs of Russell B. Harrison, son of President Harrison, who married Miss Mary Saunders, the only Nebraska girl ever to have had a

White House wedding. She was the daughter of Alvin Saunders, last of the territorial governors of Nebraska. Relatives of the Harrison and Saunders families and representatives of the state, county and city, will be invited to participate in the marking ceremonies. The famous Boys' band from the Home will take a leading part in the program.

The new farm is covered by a mortgage, and plans will be made soon to start a campaign to burn the mortgage.

The Home was started thirteen years ago by Father E. J. Flanagan, who was its first director. The Home has cared for more than 3,000 boys from 33 states. It is open to all homeless boys regardless of race, color, or religion. It is supported by the general public and through wills and bequests. None of its help comes from city, state, church, or community chest.

CATHOLIC CONVERTS

From "The Commonwealth"

From Rome we are in receipt of a correct story from the Rev. Francis J. McGarrigle, S.J., which points to the very interesting and intellectual quality of recent converts to the Catholic Faith. This is said without false pride in intellectual and with no intention of reflecting on the poor in spirit who, in the first beatitude are especially promised the Kingdom of Heaven, but simply to meet the ignorant assertion that the Faith appeals only to the ignorant.

In Rome there is the "Beda" College, writes our correspondent, "for Englishmen who wish to become priests at an age too advanced to be able to follow the long and exacting course of the ordinary ecclesiastical colleges."

Such a convert is the Rev. Ralph Underwood, O.S.A., who has been again with him; other too, such as the former Anglican minister, R. Vernon Glennie, who became a Catholic in January, 1930; Peter Harris, of St. Peter's College, Vanuatu, and the Rev. Canon George Coast mission; J. H. Simpson, of Guernsey, a graduate of King's College, London; Noel Lidderdale, a Leeds University man, later in Lincoln University, at Derby; and Mr. Clark, a retired headmaster in Truro Cathedral; W. F. Harper, of Aberdeen University, officiating in the Scotch Episcopal Church; A. Fyfe, likewise a Scot, minister in a Presbyterian church, after his course in Glasgow University; at Derby; and Hanley; B. Scott-James, who had spent eight or nine years in an Anglican religious community; Cyril Henslow of Cambridge University, ordained an Anglican minister in 1911, who subsequently served in a leprosy hospital, and was parish priest at Newport; J. C. Thomas, who did not complete his studies for the ministry before he perceived that he should complete them in the Beda.

OBITUARY

PATRICK J. WHITE

Patrick J. White died Sunday morning after a brief illness, aged 75 years. His funeral was held Wednesday morning from the home of his son, John G. White, 98 Warwick Avenue, and a half hour later in Lady Chapel, St. Patrick's Cathedral. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Mr. White was a member of the but came to America when a young man, and for the last 50 years had lived in Rochester. He was well known here, and widely respected, and had many friends who will mourn his death. He was a good citizen, upright and honest, and he will be missed by many people.

Mr. White was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and of Elks Lodge and Stone Masons' Local 11, of which he had been an officer for many years. He is survived by his wife, Katherine; two sons, Patrick, Jr., and John G.; two daughters, Mrs. John Collins and Mrs. Pearl Elmhorpe, and seven grandchildren.

Syrians Flocking Back

On the Levant coast of the Mediterranean the Syrians, whose rite is the rite of the Malabar rite, are flocking back to their venerable Mother Church: lately fifty families at Marmorita became Catholics, thirty families at Harat-el-Sarava, twenty-five families at Katta, fourteen families at Katta, twelve at Joub-el-Afa and Matcha-Azar.

In conclusion to this glance at the course of Catholic conversions throughout the world, it is interesting to recall that on the very day of the publication of this issue of The Commonwealth, the National Catholic Converts League will be holding its first meeting of the year in New York City.

It will be addressed by the Reverend James A. Gillis, C.S.P., a member of an order which has been distinguished for its work in making converts. The meeting will be presided over by the new president of the League, Mr. Robert S. Shriver, himself a convert, and at the reception following the address by Father Gillis, another convert, Mrs. Henry W. Tarr, will be hostess. Quietly, with a most proper reverence and consideration, the extremely important work of welcoming and assisting those whose spirits hunger for the Faith, is carried on.

The world does not wish for one and the same thing. Each one wants something different. How fortunate it is that nature allows man to follow his own wish.

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Royalty Views The Holy Shroud At Turin, Italy

Sacred Relic Bears Imprint of Human Form, and is Supposed to Have Been Wrapped Around Body of Our Saviour

Rome, May 15.—Members of the royal family of Italy, and more than 100,000 people recently received the Holy Shroud, the garment that is believed by some to have been wrapped around the body of our Saviour when he was buried. This was the first time this relic has been exposed for veneration since 1898.

The shroud is a linen cloth which, according to tradition, formed the winding-sheet of Jesus when His body was placed in the tomb after the crucifixion. It is 13 and one-half feet long and four-and-one-half wide, and it can be traced back to Lirey, in the Diocese of Troyes, in the year 1380. In 1453 it was at Chambery in Savoy, and in 1532 was damaged by fire. Some must be repaired it, and it has been at Turin since 1678.

The authenticity of this shroud has been the subject of a great deal of scientific discussion. On the material there are reddish-brown stains which, when examined in 1898, at first appeared to be meaningless. When photographed, however, there appeared on the negative a distinct line of a face, which traditional art has made familiar to the whole world as the face of Christ.

Some Catholic authorities are of the opinion that the shroud is not the genuine one. There is a document in existence in which the Bishop of Troyes appealed to Pope Clement VII to put a stop to its exhibition as the genuine shroud. It was, the Bishop said, the work of an artist of that period. Several books have been written on the subject and various theories have been evolved concerning it.

Sister in Italy Is 100 Years Old

Naples, May 12.—Sister Cecilia Cavallo, who has passed 93 years in the convent of St. Margherita-Fonsona at Naples, has just celebrated the 100th anniversary of her birth. Sister Cecilia belongs to a family noted for its longevity. Almost all of her brothers and sisters have attained the advanced age of 90 odd years. A sister died recently at the age of 99.

God never wishes to entrust us or take us at a disadvantage.—Father Faber.

The reason so many souls who apply themselves to prayer are not at once inflamed with God's love is that they neglect to carefully prepare themselves for it.

Law to Protect All Clergymen On Confessions

Arrest and Conviction of Minors to Enforce Speedy Action Safeguarding All Clergymen in Confessions

St. Paul, Minn., May 11.—An extension of the existing provisions in Section 2114 of the Minnesota statute, which renders a clergyman immune from the legal necessity of divulging information received in a confession made to him in his professional character, to apply to information received from "any person seeking religious or spiritual advice, aid or comfort," is proposed in an amendment drafted by Representative Wright of Minneapolis and presented to the Legislature a few days ago.

The present statute was recently interpreted by District Judge Guilford in the case of a Lutheran minister held for contempt of court, for applying only to confessions in the course of discipline, and by the rules of practice of the religion to which a clergyman might belong. The judge held that the evidence did not show that the Lutheran confession of sins "was solemnly or religiously made." The minister was fined \$100 on the charge which grew out of his refusal to divulge information given him confidentially in his usual capacity by one of the parties in the case.

The proposed amendment reads as follows: "No shall a clergyman or other minister of any religion be examined as to any communication made to him by any person seeking religious or spiritual advice, aid or comfort, or his advice given therein, without the consent of such person."

In this world we learn no creature, no work, no friend, no human comfort; but the soul, weary of its weakness, sin, and guilt, must seek its healing in God's arms.

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