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Catholics A Wonderful People, Cardinal Hayes Says, Because They Hold Fast to Faith These Days

Activities of the Atheist, Zeal of the Agnostic and Boldness of the Religious Liberal Never Before So Pronounced in the World, He Says

New York, May 29.—His Eminence Patrick Cardinal Hayes, at the dedication of the new church of St. Catherine of Siena here the other Sunday morning, spoke appreciatively of the loyalty and fidelity of the Catholic people to their faith.

"You are a wonderful people in a day and in a time, and even in a country where there is a drift away from religion," he said. "Our progress reports day after day the activities of the atheist, the zeal of the agnostic, the boldness of the religious liberal. We hear those who ought to preach Christ according to the ancient and unchangeable gospel that do not, who preach and deny His very divinity, and say that He is not God, not the Son of God, but only a man of extraordinary ability among men, a great teacher.

"And then the lure of pleasure, the lure of our times, the pull against Christ on the part of the materialists and all the other activities of human life; all trying to draw you away from Christ. Yet you are loyal. You still believe that He is the Son of God, the one God."

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Others officers of the Mass were: Assistant priest, Rt. Rev. Msgr. John P. Boppel; deacons of honor, Rt. Rev. Msgr. John P. Biophy, Rt. Rev. Msgr. George V. Burns, deacons of the Mass, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph S. Cameron, sub-deacon, Rev. John Maxwell; master of ceremonies, Rt. Rev. Msgr. A. B. Mohan; assistant master of ceremonies, Rev. William P. Bergan; Rt. Rev. Msgr. William H. Hart, vicar general of the Diocese, was in the sanctuary. It is the first church ceremony in St. Patrick's in which Monsignor Hart has taken part since his illness six months ago. The Gregorian parts of the Mass were sung by a select choir of students from St. Bernard's Seminary under the direction of Mr. John M. Putter. The other parts of the service were sung by the boys and men's choir of St. Patrick's, directed by Professor Eugene Bohm.

Most Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, preached the sermon of the day, and gave an eloquent and impressive talk. Following the church service, dinner was served to members of the families of the Knights in the Cathedral parish hall. Bishop O'Hern presided. Speakers included Herbert S. West, superintendent of schools; Frank P. Givens, state commissioner of education; former Judge Arthur E. Sutherland; Mr. Phelan, Mr. Duffy, Mr. Hickey and Mr. O'Hern. The toasts were those of old friends, and the occasion was one that will live in the memories of all who were participants or spectators.

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A devoted church worker for many years, and a loyal and sincere Christian, Mrs. Stephen Stoeser, widow of Bernard Stoeser, died Monday morning at her home, 1393 Clinton Avenue, North. She was 86 years old. Mrs. Stoeser had been active for a long period in affairs of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, where she was a member of the Women's Society, the Rosary Society, and Branch 104, L. C. L. She also was affiliated with the Women's Sodality of St. Michael's Church.

She leaves a son, Joseph A.; two daughters, Mrs. Herbert Fischer and Miss Ottilie Stoeser; two sisters, Mrs. Minnie Bernhart of Buffalo and Miss Elizabeth La Forest; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held Thursday morning at 8:30 o'clock at the home and a half hour later at the Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. It was attended by many friends, all of whom held their own stations.

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Metropolitan Opera Star Never Goes Upon the Stage Without Uttering a Prayer, and She Always Tries to Live Near a Church

New York, May 29.—Madame Maria Jeritza, gifted soprano singer with the Metropolitan Opera Co., is a devout Catholic, goes to Mass every day and is a daily communicant. She seldom goes on the stage or out of her hotel without uttering a prayer.

Madame Jeritza is an Austrian, but she is greatly in love with America. The depth of Catholic fervor in the United States impresses Madame Jeritza more than anything else. In describing her attendance at Mass on Easter Sunday at St. Patrick's Cathedral, she recently exclaimed: "That it is not only on Easter, but on every Sunday the churches are crowded. How do you do it, in your marvelous America?"

Speaking recently of her Catholicism, Madame Jeritza told how she had acquired much of her devotion to the Catholic faith through her five years residence with Sisters in Vienna. She candidly admitted that her faith was enlivened by contact with the Religious.

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