

Franciscans Plan to Begin Work of Restoring Basilica On the Top of Mt. Calvary

In a Spot Venerated Above All Others in the Holy Land They Will Do Extensive Work That Will Appeal to the Entire Christian World.

Jerusalem, Apr. 1.—In that spot venerated above all others on earth—Calvary—the Franciscan Fathers who have in their charge the Custody of the Holy Places are about to start an important work of reconstruction. The repairs to be made are of particular interest to American Catholics because of the institutions constructed in replica of the Holy Places that are maintained by the Franciscans in the Western World.

It will be recalled that last year an agreement was reached among the three religious communities which share the custody of the Calvary—the Greeks and the Armenians—to the effect that each should be authorized to do certain work of reconstruction in its respective portion.

It was agreed that the Greeks should repair the dome of their choir or Katherion; the Armenians were to repair their Church of the Holy Cross, and the Latins would install niches in their part of the Calvary. The original plans of the work proposed by the Franciscans, however, were not approved by the authorities concerned. They have now caused another plan to be prepared by a Polish artist. It contemplates the reconstruction of the main scene of the Passion of Our Lord.

As a result, that portion of Calvary which belongs to the Catholics will remain in its ancient splendor.

The Gospel records that after the death sentence passed upon the Saviour of the world, Jesus was brought outside the city to the place called Golgotha, which was situated at the north-west corner of Jerusalem outside the wall.

On this spot there was a small hill in the form of which resembled a hummock, which contributed to give it the designation of Golgotha. It was situated only a few feet from the surrounding ground. At its foot lay a garden belonging to Joseph of Arimathea, who had built there a burial place for his family. The Evangelist St. John writes: "Now there was in the place where he was crucified, a garden and in the garden a new sepulchre, which had not yet been used. This, therefore, because of the presence of the Jews, they laid Jesus, because the sepulchre was high at hand."

This site is therefore one of the most sacred of the world over. Not only was the scene of the last events of the Passion of Our Lord, but it was here that the Saviour of the world was laid in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea, and the tomb of Jesus has ever been surrounded with the deepest devotion by Christians.

The Emperor Hadrian tried to wipe out the memories of these two Holy Shrines, but his anti-Christian work resulted in nothing. In the centuries to come the real site of the two precious monuments of the Passion of Jesus.

Located by St. Helena. It therefore befall that when St. Helena and her son, the Emperor Constantine, wanted to rebuild a Sanctuary "worth of the most marvelous place in the world, they had no difficulty in locating the Holy Sepulchre and the Holy Sepulchre. After the construction ordered by the Emperor, besides the sacred buildings of the Anastasis (Resurrection) and the Martyrion (Cathedral), there remained the Holy Sepulchre, which was the most important of the three.

All that is of this world is nothingness or vanity, which quickly passes away and disappears for ever. The things of the present life are really benefits only in so far as they are good for the life to come, which is eternal.

Quaintest Cathedral in the World



The poor little "Cathedral" of the Most Rev. Mar Ivanios, Archbishop of Bombay, who is a leading figure in the Mission Movement among the Catholics in India. A most important and most interesting work is being done in Bombay, India, to provide places of worship for so many congregations as such little cathedrals.

Monks of St. Bernard Make Hard Journey in Tibet; Plan to Build Hospice There

Pevilius Trail Is Blazed, and Many Hardships and Adventures Encountered by Two Monks Who Travel 1,500 Miles on Horseback, Foot and Skis

Geneva, Switzerland, April 1.—In the near future several monks of St. Bernard will leave Switzerland for a long and arduous journey to Tibet to make a further survey on the St. Bernard Pass with a view to building a hospice for travelers. The pass is a narrow, high mountain range, and is one of the most difficult and dangerous in the world. The monks will travel on horseback, foot and skis, and will face many hardships and adventures.

The monks chosen are Canon Cozzio and Melli, who last year completed an adventurous journey of 1,500 miles, partly on horseback and partly on foot and skis, to study the possibilities of building such a hospice. After reaching Yungtshow, a small town in Szechwan, where they met a European missionary from the Tibetan border.

It was the first time either of them had ridden a horse, but all went well, though the Lolo natives, which they bought for 30 shillings, were untamed and frisky. They then traveled westward across country which was then a mass of independent tribes, and the presence of brigands.

Brigands' Repulse Soldiers. The canons were accompanied by a few Chinese soldiers, but the canons fled as soon as danger became imminent. On the other hand, relations between the monks and the brigands were good, and they occasionally traveled with a troop of brigands who treated them well.

Two monks, after crossing the mountain range about 10,800 feet high, which separates the Tibetan from the Mekong Valley, then, by way of the Si-la (12,600 feet) they reached the Salween valley. The crossing of the Si-la was the main object of their journey, as it is near the top that a hospice is to be built. They could not employ native guides and porters as skilling is unknown in these regions. They were, however, able to teach skilling to a young French priest who spoke Tibetan and had already crossed the Si-la in Summer time, and were the first to cross the pass on skis.

As the weather seemed favorable the party left the Mekong Valley on mules and rode up to a point where the track became so difficult and dangerous that the mules were sent back. After passing through a splendid forest of firs and birches they reached the snow lines and their porters turned back.

The ascent began on their skis and became so difficult. Rain began to fall, followed by snow; the ground was covered with bushes which made progress very slow. At nightfall they camped on a small plateau, at a height of about 10,800 feet, around which several huge glaciers had fallen. Here stood a sheltered camp of firs, and they slept on a bed of branches around which they rapidly built a snow wall. A roof was improvised by a waterproof blanket supported on skis. A fire was lighted to dry their wet clothes and to keep away wild animals whose growls could be heard in the distance.

Next morning the monks continued their ascent on hard snow. When they were half way up a thick mist enveloped them, and half fell heavily.

After enjoying a few days' rest the monks returned to Tseku in eight days by way of a road on the north of the Si-la. Thence they rode on horseback to Yungtshow, whence they traveled to the coast.

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St. Patrick's Cathedral Radio Hour

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS Twenty-second Talk—By the Rev. Charles F. Shay

SUBJECT: "The Language of the Mass"

Good Afternoon My Dear Friends: At this season of the year one can look for most unexpected turns, surprises and even friends. I am no exception to this rule. I have had them other years and wasn't a bit disturbed to find them presenting themselves at the close of 1931 and the opening of 1932. What do you suppose my surprise was this last week? None other than to have the house-bell ring my signal bell and to summon me to the parlor where a young man awaited me.

I descended the stairs in my usual frame of mind and entered the parlor. A young man arose from a comfortable rocker, advanced with his hand extended and said: "Father, I don't think that you know who I am, but you do know my father. To cut all red tape in the matter, may I introduce myself as your friend Tom's son?"

"For instant I was like one petrified. There before me was a clean-out, high-school-typed young man, the dead image of his father. "Well-for-all-that-is-good-and-great what in the world ever brought you here?" I asked.

"Why didn't you father drop me a line so that I might be prepared to meet you? I received his Christmas-New Year's card but it had the usual greetings with only his embossed signature. Suppose that I had been away and you after travelling such a long distance did not find me home? I am sure that you would be greatly disappointed."

"Well, Father," said the young man, "I am just like my father. He told me that he had dropped in on you two or three times since you met on that Mediterranean trip and each time he had given you a surprise."

"Well," I stated, "I like joyful surprises such as you and your Dad have given me but I would like to forestall a disappointment resultant from such unexpected arrivals. However, don't think that I am chiding you, but you have so completely taken me unaware that I am just stunned momentarily. Come on over here to my office and let me make you feel at home. Where is your baggage?"

"I left it over at the station," said the young man, "and I'll get it on my way to New York this night."

As we crossed the hall from the parlor to the office, recovering myself I said, "How is your Dad and how are the family? You know your father, whilst I admire him greatly, is a rather mysterious man. He never told me that he had a young son of your age. I remember him saying on one of his visits here that whenever he was away from home his thoughts frequently went back to the Golden Gate where his dear wife and children were praying for him and he for them. May I ask you your name?"

"Gerald," he replied with a smile that ran across his face from ear to ear.

A Sense of Humor. "I don't wonder that you smile, Gerald," I said, "I am glad you see the funny side of this whole affair and have sense enough to get a kick out of it. In due time perhaps I shall be able to piece-work your family history."

"My what a large office you have, Father," Gerald said, "how cheery and comfortable it is; this alone would make one feel as if he were at home."

"Well," I said, "that is the way I want you to feel, and I am pleased indeed to note that you are not sensitive to any up-set on my part. Do you smoke, Gerald?" I asked.

"No, Father," he replied, "but I have no objection to anyone that does. Somehow or other I have never had a desire for it, and were I to, I shall be satisfied to get back of a good cigar just like Dad does."

"You won't object to my sitting down here and while talking with you smoking a cigar—for if this is building in the eyes of some people in the world—then I possess that falling," I said.

"Why, Father," I replied, "I don't consider it a falling, enjoyment of a little leaf of tobacco that grows in God's garden of earth. Moreover, the Father where I attend school often smokes a cigar in the recreation yard with the boys and enjoy their after dinner or supper cigar. Yes, and when Dad smokes, you know I can see from the restful position that he takes in his old arm chair that he soothes his nerves after a rough day of work."

"By the way Gerald what means of transportation did you use in coming from the coast?" I queried. "Oh! just like Dad," Gerald replied, "part way by airplane—part way by train. I suppose, Father, you wonder at my idea of flying eastward at this season of the year. Well, I will tell you the reason: I have often heard Dad speak of you and the experiences which he underwent abroad and in New York City. We have a three weeks' vacation at this time of the school year and Dad promised me awhile ago that I might go as far as New York City during the Christmas period, providing I had an excellent standing in my subjects at school. You can just bet that I buried my nose in those old books and made sure that this promised trip would be a reality. I don't want to be boastful, Father, but I came through the first part of the scholastic year with a 98 per cent."

John McCormack To Sing April 12 For Musicians

New York, April 1.—John McCormack, noted tenor, will contribute his services as soloist at the second concert, that on April 12, in the series of five Tuesday evening performances to be given at the Metropolitan Opera House by the Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra, composed of unemployed instrumentalists.

Mr. McCormack is prolonging his stay in America to sing at this concert. He will sail on the Bremen on the night of the concert. A personal plea for public support of the concert series was made by him in his serial in Carnegie Hall the other evening.

"I hope you will forgive me, ladies and gentlemen," he said in his serial, "if a moment I step out of character, so to speak. I do so to make an appeal, not for your charity, but for your generous cooperation."

"I ask you to help the less fortunate members of my own profession, who are suffering want and privation through no fault of their own. The musical profession never has been appealed to in vain in the sacred name of charity. Remember how many a time we have, as Moore says, 'forgotten our own griefs to be happy with you.' Why, today we have the President of these United States asking some one to arouse us out of the valley of depression and the slough of despond!"

"Remembering all the joys that the art of music has brought to you, would you help these musicians who have banded themselves into a superb orchestra and who will give a series of concerts on consecutive Tuesdays beginning April 5 at the Metropolitan Opera House? I am singing with them on April 12, and naturally I want that concert to be successful. From the bottom of my heart I ask you to help my colleagues to help themselves."

The conductor of the orchestra at this concert will be Sanford Hamann, who has selected the 200 men of the orchestra from more than 600 who applied in person.

Jewish Rabbi Is Opposed To Mixed Marriages

Cleveland, April 1.—From more than one point of view a marriage between persons of differing religious affiliations is inadvisable. Rabbi Barnett R. Brinker, of the Euclid Avenue Temple, recently told his congregation, representative of the more "liberal minded" Jews in this city.

"No man or woman has the right to enter into a mixed marriage without weighing the sociological and freethought and measuring his strength against them," he said.

"In addition to the other inevitable difficulties of married life, the continued, 'the partners of different racial or religious origins must always endure the suspicion and freedom of the hostility and hate of a world which is prejudiced, provincial and selfish. It is not fair to one's self or to one's comrades that this fact should be ignored."

"If love is strong and no sacrifice seems too great to pay for its fruition, then I suppose the couple will go ahead irrespective of negative advice, but I urge on young people involved in a possible mixed marriage to count the cost before rather than after marriage," he said. "To charge love with a burden heavier than it can bear is not so much to obey love as to betray it."

"The children of mixed marriages suffer because they cannot stand the taunts of their playmates. They have a feeling that they don't belong to any group, in any race, in any church, in any home, as it were, in no man's land."

"To be happy partners to a mixed marriage must be persons of noble virtue, firmer discipline than the ordinary husband and wives."

Charity Drive In New York City Starts April 17

New York, April 1.—The great annual drive for the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York will start this week. April 17, Cardinal Hayes has just announced. The Cardinal will be honorary chairman of the drive, and the appeal will be made under the direction of the Right Rev. John J. Dunn, Bishop Auxiliary of the Archdiocese.

Assisting in the drive will be Msgr. Robert F. Keegan, associate director of the charities; the Rev. Edward A. Hayes, the Rev. John J. O'Donnell; the Rev. Joseph O'Connell, who will have charge of hospital work; the Rev. Thomas Brennan, in charge of child welfare; and the Rev. Bryan J. McEntegart, in charge of family welfare.

No definite sum has been fixed for the drive, but it is expected that more than \$1,000,000 will be required to meet the needs of the Catholic Charities for the coming year, so great is the demand for help from the people out of work.

Vatican Library Has U. S. Nun's Book. Ann Arbor, Mich., April 1.—"The Ideal Nurse," written by Mother Ursula, of St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, has been placed in the Vatican Library, according to work just received from Monsignor Alessandro Pro-prefect of the library. The treatise, written 11 years ago, is considered a classic in the literature of Christian nursing. Mother Ursula received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from the University of Detroit, June 2nd, 1920.

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Mission Society To Hold Supper
The Mission Society of St. Joseph's Church will have a Roast Beef Supper on Saturday, April 2nd, in the basement of St. Joseph's School. Supper will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 P. M. and the price is 50 cents.
There will be a cooked food and candy booth and for amusement the Lotto game.

His Silver Jubilee



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