

Joy of Consecration and Dedication Of Self to Religious Life Described

Particularly appropriate at this time, in view of Bishop O'Hern's appeal for vocations to the Holy Priesthood and to the various Sisterhoods of the diocese, is the sermon delivered by the Rev. Eugene A. Loftus, pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church, Tonawanda, N. Y., Thursday of last week at the Carmelite Monastery, 151 Stratons Avenue on the occasion of reception of the habit by the first Carmelite novice in Rochester diocese.

Father Loftus took for his text, the following from St. Matthew XVI, 24, 26: "At that time Jesus said to His disciples: If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me. Whosoever shall save his life shall lose it, and he that shall lose his life for My sake shall find it." The sermon verbatim follows:

Divine Power "As we read and familiarize ourselves with the Holy Gospels we cannot help but see the singular power which is in the life of Christ. He came in contact with the world that, as a weak and helpless infant, He drew the Jewish shepherds from their midnight watches to His humble birthplace, to the time when He was lying on the cross, He won the heart of the malefactor, caltoured in sin, a power went forth from Him, subduing, softening, sanctifying, and attracting all, who had the happiness of being brought within the Divine magnetism of His presence. When He moved some suppliant rural influence, breaking from Him, and thousands followed Him, eager to behold Him, blessed in gazing upon Him, happy even to stand on the edge of the sword and listen to His majestic words. His very countenance guaranteed a friendly feeling of love, breaking from Him, and thousands followed Him, eager to behold Him, blessed in gazing upon Him, happy even to stand on the edge of the sword and listen to His majestic words.

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Holy Father Observes Seventy-fifth Birthday



When His Holiness Pope Pius XI celebrated the seventy-fifth anniversary of his birth, on May 31, 1857, at the Vatican, he was the youngest pontiff since Pope Gregory XVI, who was elected in 1831. Above, at the left, are the Holy Father's parents—Francesco Ratti, a weaver and director of a spinning factory at Carucate, and his wife Teresa. Below, at the left, is reproduced a picture of the house in which Pius XI was born at Besen, a town in Lombardy, on May 31, 1857. The Holy Father's seventy-fifth birthday followed less than four months after the tenth anniversary of his coronation as Pope.

But rather for an incorruptible one. "At the conclusion of this ceremony, the Holy Father, who is now 75 years of age, will enter the Vatican for the first time since he left Rome for his summer residence at Castel Gandolfo. He will be accompanied by his family and a large number of his personal staff. The Pope's birthday is celebrated with great pomp and ceremony in the Vatican. The Pope's parents, Francesco Ratti and Teresa, are still living in Besen, Lombardy. The Pope's birthplace is a simple stone house. The Pope's parents were poor weavers. The Pope's father was a director of a spinning factory. The Pope's mother was a weaver. The Pope's father died when he was 10 years old. The Pope's mother died when he was 15 years old. The Pope was raised by his grandparents. The Pope's education was given by his grandparents. The Pope's education was given by his grandparents.

Cardinal Hayes Blesses Home For Children. Irvington-on-Hudson - His Eminence Patrick Cardinal Hayes last week blessed the new Irvington Home, a home for children afflicted with heart disease. The home, which was erected through the efforts and charity of Mrs. Louis S. Lays, a Jewish woman, and Cardinal Hayes, is in the name of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the one God. Cardinal Hayes presided at the ceremony and blessed the children. He said that the home was a great blessing to the community. He said that the home was a great blessing to the community. He said that the home was a great blessing to the community.

Catholic Univ. Summer School On West Coast. Washington, D. C. The influence of the Catholic University will be greatly extended this summer with the opening of a branch of the Catholic University of America at Washington, D. C. The University's summer school on the Pacific coast is being opened at the invitation of Most Rev. Edward J. Hanna, Archbishop of San Francisco, and will be conducted at the Dominican College, San Rafael. The professors from the Catholic University who will go to the coast this summer are all men of highest attainments who are in intimate touch with college and university movements throughout the country. The coast school will be in charge of Rev. Dr. James Marshall Camp, professor of Greek and Latin at the Catholic University and assistant director of the Catholic University summer school in the Church and Universities of America.

Capital Newswriter Long a Freethinker Baptized Catholic. Washington - In the chapel of Providence Hospital, conducted by the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, Charles P. Hunt, veteran Washington correspondent, and a life-long freethinker, was baptized a Catholic recently by the Rev. Charles Stouter, C.M., chaplain. A member of the Press Gallery of Congress since 1884, Mr. Hunt has long been a familiar figure in public life in the Nation's Capital. The first "big story" he remembers having worked on was the assassination of President Garfield. Stricken last year with a serious illness, Mr. Hunt was taken to Providence Hospital. He told Father Stouter he had come there "to die."

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Early Church Art Is Discovered In Ancient Church Found in Syria

New Haven, Conn. - Announcement has been made at Yale University that an expedition sponsored by the Yale University has discovered an ancient church in the city of Dura-Europos, Syria, and that in this church were found some marvelous frescoes that are believed to have been painted not later than the year 200 A. D. The frescoes have been detached from the walls and will be exhibited in the Yale Museum of Art next year. These frescoes are believed to be the oldest examples of Christian art in the world. Other examples of Christian art are abundant, but they go back only to the fourth century, and were obtained from graves of early Christians and not from churches. Announcement of the discovery of the church was made by Dr. Michael I. Rostovtzeff, professor of ancient history and of classical archaeology at Yale. He said efforts are being made to restore the entire church in its original form. The frescoes depict scenes and figures of the Bible and show that the Christian art during the second and third centuries was not funeral as has been hitherto thought. The paintings found in the church are important to Bible students, Dr. Rostovtzeff said, for they throw light on the Gospels as they existed in early Christian times, and can be used by scholars of research in the New Testament. The Good Shepherd "Inside the concha of the apse, baptismal font stands the Good Shepherd with his twelve sheep, and beneath this scene Adam and Eve near the tree," said Dr. Rostovtzeff. "On the entrance door the worshiper saw young David raising triumphantly his sword over the enormous prostrate Goliath."

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Papal Honors Conferred By Bishop O'Hern. (Continued from Page One) Mrs. Cecelia M. Yawman, Mrs. Teresa Ganster, Miss Alice P. Kirl, all of Rochester and Miss Elizabeth A. Harmon of Auburn received the decoration from Bishop O'Hern amid general applause and so generous a presentation of floral tributes that the recipients were nearly lost to view. The guests of honor occupied places at the table on the stage and went across to the left center of the stage to kneel before the Bishop for the decoration. Mrs. Cora McParlin, the fifth woman honored, received her decoration some weeks ago at a special ceremony at the Columbus City Center. Congratulated by Archbishop Hejkey in his address, she praised the spirit of the true Christian home and Catholic womanhood, congratulating the recipients on their recognition by Pope Pius XI, and urged them to continue the good fight for the sanctity of womanhood. Mrs. Leo F. Simpson presided, and Rev. St. Michael William M. Hart, vicar general of the diocese, and Mrs. John E. Foley, president of the Catholic Women's Club, occupied places on the stage. In presenting the awards, Bishop O'Hern said: "This is indeed a very happy occasion at which so many of our Catholic women have gathered to honor fellow members of their organization. We are tonight honoring the Catholic womanhood of Rochester Diocese, or rather, we might say, the Holy Father himself is honoring them while we are carrying out his wishes in behalf of our dioceses. Tells Purpose of Honors "We may well ask why these great honors have come from the supreme head of the church? The answer is plain. We are honoring representatives of our Catholic womanhood because of their personal merit as faithful daughters of Holy Mother the Church and because they are worthy representatives of a small army of women who make up Catholic fraternal welfare organizations in the diocese. It happens that these were selected by their fellow members to be the supreme heads or leaders of these organizations, and why they are honored every member of these various organizations is honored. Indeed, it is a great privilege for us to recognize the merit and devotion on the part of individuals in the great work of charity and welfare of which the sister of Christ has spoken to the world repeatedly in the past year or more. Only last week the entire world was thrilled by the wonderful encyclical, Caritas Christi, which sounded a call to Catholic and non-Catholic believers in Christ to a campaign of prayer and penance in behalf of a sinful and suffering world. These days of prayer and self-denial will be dedicated to the sacred heart of Jesus and to His blessed Mother, imploring them to bring back quickly faith, peace, prosperity and plenty to the nations of the world. That call has in a way been answered by our Catholic women of Rochester in their organizations, lives and in their splendid programs of social service, which have been carried out year after year under the direction of ecclesiastical authority."

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