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A Priest's Blessing

By two fair judgments the true value of a blessing by a priest of the One True Church? Blessing, in its most general sense, is a form of prayer begging the favor of God for the person blessed, God is the source of all His blessing, but certain persons have special authority to bless in His name, so that this blessing is not a mere prayer; it actually conveys God's blessing to those who are to receive it. Thus in the old law God said to the sons of Aaron, "They shall invoke my name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them." And Christ said to His disciples, "Whoever shall bind on earth, and what he binds on earth shall be bound in heaven; and if the son of man be here, your peace shall rest upon him." Accordingly, the Church provides for the solemn blessing of her children by the hands of her ministers.

Catholic World Over

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union movement and all labor movements Catholics are the custodians of Christian principles. The Christian aspect of all social matters, he said, must be their first concern.

Dublin.—His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal MacRory, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, addressing Maynooth students, on Prize Day, said that there seldom was the need for good students and priests as great as it is now. Like a lion's paw, Bolshevism seems to be advancing and efforts are being made to spread its poison in Central Europe and America, he declared.

Chicago.—Under the auspices of the Grand Council Fire of American Indians, the grave of Alexander Robinson, Catholic Indian, savior of the whites after the massacre of Fort Dearborn and a prominent figure in the defeat of the British in 1812, has been restored and rededicated at ceremonies attended by some 300 people, including several Indians in full regalia.

Madras, India.—Postmaster General Peters, whose recent appointment marked the first time that a native of Madras has been raised to this responsible post, is a convert to Catholicism. Mr. Peters was received into the Catholic Church in 1928, some years after the conversion of his father, who had a distinguished record of more than forty years' service in the Madras Postal Department.

Paris.—Father Lhande, the late Marshal Foch's confessor, noted for his writings on the evangelization of the Parisian suburban slums and as one of the most popular radio speakers in France, is on his way to India where he will visit all the large cities and the principal mission centers of that country.

Prague.—The ancient monastery of Kladruby in Bohemia has been purchased by Redemptorists from the State bank of the Hudson river in Czechoslovakia permanently. The monastery was occupied by French Trappists after the French Revolution.

New York.—The new Capuchin Monastery of Mary Immaculate on the east bank of the Hudson river across from West Point has just been formally dedicated with the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Lavelle, rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral, officiating.

Catholic Students Attend Cathedral Mission Mass

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an important part.

Father Randall described the self-sacrificing work of the missionaries in foreign fields and said that the reason for this giving up of comforts and home was to bring the comfort of the Divine Lord to the benighted people. Communism, he said, is making the task doubly difficult in that it is teaching people to revolt against authority, a state of mind which makes difficult the bringing to these people of the Divine teachings.

Only recently, he said, a Maryknoll father has met death in the service of the Lord in foreign fields and when his mother standing before the altar and prayed, it was to her son, not for him, for she recognized in him a martyr, Father Randall declared.

He concluded with a history of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith indicating the encouragement given it by the various Holy Fathers including the present reigning Pontiff known as "The Pope of the Missions."

The musical part of the Mass was rendered by St. Andrew's Seminary choir under the direction of the Rev. Benedict Ehmann.

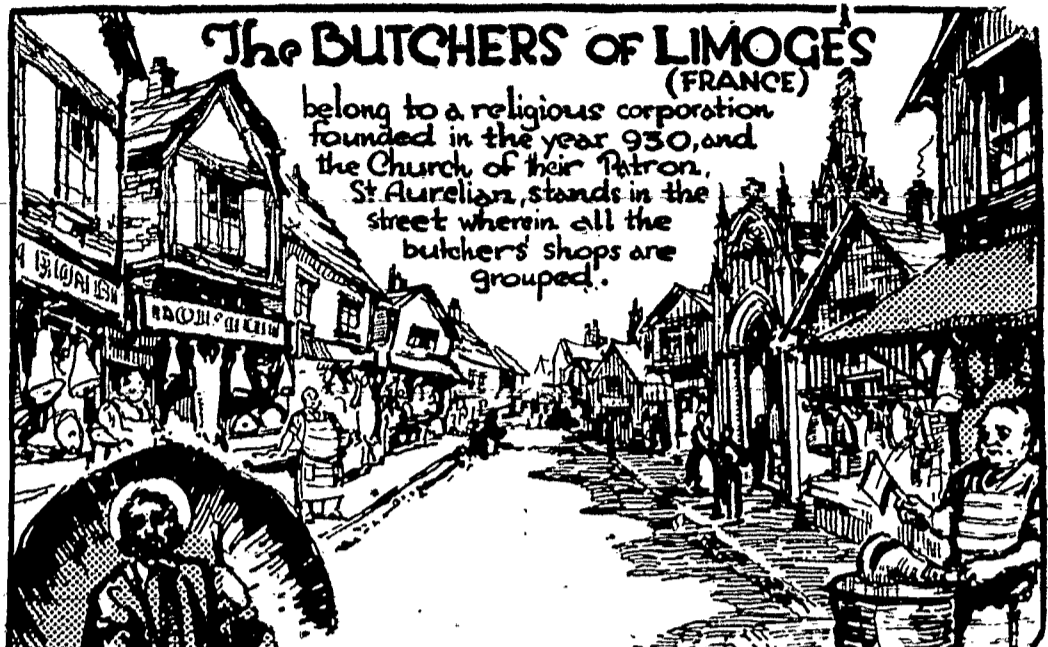
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STRANGE BUT TRUE
Catholic Facts But Little Known

By M. J. MURRAY



The BUTCHERS OF LIMOGES (FRANCE)
belong to a religious corporation founded in the year 930, and the Church of their Patron, St. Aurelian, stands in the street wherein all the butchers' shops are grouped.

The affection for animals displayed by many of the Saints has been portrayed down the Centuries.

St. ROCH is always pictured with a dog, St. HUBERT with a stag and St. FRANCIS with the wolf he tamed. The symbol of the Dominicans is a dog with a torch in his mouth.

Only three earthly birthdays are celebrated by the Church: those of OUR SAVIOUR, OUR LADY & ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.



THE BEAUTIFUL CATHEDRAL OF COLOGNE WAS USED AS A HAY-BARN DURING THE FRENCH REVOLUTION . . .

A Pontiff's Solitude

In thinking of the Pope as Spiritual Head of the Church the endeavors of the Supreme Pontiffs for the temporal welfare of their subjects in Rome and the Papal State in general are lost sight of. During recent decades, of course, the Pontiffs have immediately preceding the XI, and the latter also for several years, had practically no temporal jurisdiction. Our Holy Father, on the other hand, since the ratification of the Vatican treaty, is again enabled to extend the solitude of the Supreme Pontiff as temporal ruler to at least a small

parted freely not merely from one community to another but also from province to province, and from town to town. Exception was made however in the case of all the provinces subject to the Ancona, the Roman provinces, which were not to be left, but were to be left later. "Even earlier," declares the Pope, had combated the pestilence in the article of food indispensable to Rome, by exempting it from import duty. Moreover, two edicts dated 1749 were designed to prevent harm according to the established

Efforts of Wide Scope
Helpful as these measures were, and expressive of the Pontiff's social-mindedness, Benedict's efforts for the public welfare were of even wider scope. He endeavored, but without success, to promote industry, especially the manufacture of cotton goods, by the granting of privileges. A decree published December 30, 1748 provided for the rebuilding and maintenance of the roads throughout the papal domains, which had been greatly damaged by troops and their wretched trains passing over them. His measures for protection of seabornd trade, of which he was so anxious, were likewise important. "These endeavors," Pastor relates, "which also benefited English and Dutch merchant shipping, contributed towards the restoration of the port of Genoa, which had been ruined by the pirates of Barbary Coast, and the like. These endeavors," which also benefited English and Dutch merchant shipping, contributed towards the restoration of the port of Genoa, which had been ruined by the pirates of Barbary Coast, and the like. These endeavors, which also benefited English and Dutch merchant shipping, contributed towards the restoration of the port of Genoa, which had been ruined by the pirates of Barbary Coast, and the like.

Spiritual Thoughts

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SEES BETTER TIMES
The return of better times, according to Msgr. Horschburgh, Propagation of the Faith Director for Limoges, is indicated by the response to his recent appeals in The New World. The mission column of August 5 carried a letter from a Chicago priest laboring in China. Father William O'Brien in this letter Father O'Brien told the need of \$100 to build centers for converts in distant villages of his district. During the week two friends of the missions contributed each \$100 in response to this appeal. The summer months are dull at best in missionary activities, and this has been particularly true this year because of the continued depression.

Mission gifts being a few and infrequent and usually for small amounts during the summer months, these two donations together with an increasing number of smaller ones have led Msgr. Horschburgh to believe that the end of the depression is approaching and that soon mission contributions will become more normal. This, at any rate, is a ray of hope for the sorely-pressed missionaries.

SEND MISSION \$122,000
Elin Grove, Wis. Money and supplies worth more than \$122,000 were sent to the Missions last year by the Missionary Association of Catholic Women. It was revealed in reports submitted at the twelfth annual convention of the Association just held here. In addition to \$62,655 in cash, mission supplies worth \$58,687 were forwarded by the Association, the reports stated.

The Most Rev. Samuel A. Stritch, Archbishop of Milwaukee, addressing the convention, declared that "we are faced with the fact that we must help the foreign mission although all around us are people who are poor, who have tremendous difficulties of their own." "But I am convinced," he added, "more firmly perhaps than I was when it was easy to do so, that it is our solemn duty in these days to divide our dollars with the foreign missions."

NOTRE DAME'S STANDARD
From the University of Notre Dame Religious Bulletin

According to an announcement from the director of studies, a freshman entering last year had a 11 to 1 chance of staying in school. That was pretty good. Here are the figures, and the conclusions drawn from them.

In the last school year 155 students were dismissed from the university for having failed in their school work. Of this number, 90 were freshmen. It is most desirable, therefore, that this number be reduced as much as possible. A very few of the failures are due to lack of ability. The freshmen of this year have been selected carefully from the upper two-thirds of their classes in high school, and it is hoped that practically all of them may survive in college.

That is a pious hope, and we make it our own. But we are serving notice here and now that no one need expect to survive on his high school record. Work, not past performances, will settle the matter.

"Oh, Bill! Bill!" groaned the managing editor of the tabloid, "nothing scandalous has happened in twenty-four hours. What'll we do for the front page?" "Aw, don't get discouraged, Steve," the city editor comforted. "Something'll happen. I've still got faith in human nature."—American Legion.

There would be no labor troubles if every man had a job on easy street.

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BRINGS RETURNS
Touching on the subject of missions, Archbishop Mitty, Conductor of San Francisco, recently expressed his conviction that, "Aid given to foreign and home missions brings in-

Imagine that each action you perform is the last act of your life, that it will decide an eternity of bliss or an eternity of pain.

The durability of a building depends on the solidity of the foundation. Likewise a Christian soul can not persevere except by founding it on the simplicity and truth of God.

Religion is a business. Our Lord says "trade till I come." We earn a hundred for one when we know how to use our talent.

Good example is one of the greatest honors that can be rendered to God.

To criticize our own virtues and excuse the sins of others are two good effects of humility.

Keep your eyes always open to the virtues of your neighbor and closed to his imperfections.

Catholic Statistics

Have you ever thought of the huge world-wide assembly which the Catholic Church constitutes? Truly we have many brothers and sisters of all races and all colors.

Recent statistics on the numerical strength of the Church show that out of a world population of 1,938,369,000 Catholics number 341,430,900. In Europe there are 208,822,000 Catholics, in America 109,097,000, in Asia 16,536,000, in Africa 5,330,000, and in Oceania 1,586,000.

According to an estimate made by a German review in 1929 there are 312,000 priests, a proportion of one priest to every 6,000 Catholics, approximately.

The great majority of the priests are in Europe, 200,334, which makes one priest for every 2,000 inhabitants. In the United States there is one priest for 800 Catholics and 3,900 non-Catholics, and in India one for 360 Catholics and 100,000 non-Catholics.—The Pilot.

science and art, his opposition to the antagonism of powerful influences militating against the Jesuits, and incessant conflicts with heretics and hostile rulers and statesmen in various countries of the world. The facts adduced illustrate the deep concern of this Pontiff as a secular ruler for the welfare of his subjects, proving anew the experience of peoples who had lived under his predecessors, that not only spiritual but also temporal needs were, generally speaking, well provided for under the tiara.—O. V. Service.

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