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THE MIRACULOUS PICTURE WHY ST. MICHAEL?

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The family was gathered in the sitting-room. The young husband was an intelligent and clever mechanic. In one hand he was holding a little picture of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. With the other, he was operating a magnifying glass, carefully scrutinizing some detail of the image. Just then his daughter ushered in a priest who had come on a visit. At once he was pried with questions.

"What are those curious scratches over the angel at the left? Judging from my college lessons in Homer, I would take them for Greek letters. But what do they mean?" The priest answered that simply: "They are Greek letters. They are an abbreviation of the term: The Archangel Michael." That puzzled the children. Their curiosity was written on their faces: "Why St. Michael? Why with the instruments of the Passion? Why, just the lance and sponge?" Let us recall some of the reflections.

1. Why, St. Michael? The figure of St. Michael serves as an emblem to impress upon us Our Lady's power over sin, Satan and all the forces of hell.

Who does not recall that tremendous scene described in the Apocalypse of St. John? "And there was a great battle in heaven. Michael and his angels fought with the dragon, and the dragon fought with his angels, and they prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And that great dragon was cast out, that old serpent who is called the devil and Satan, who seduceth the whole world." How often we meet this scene, reproduced in paintings, statues, stained glass windows! Here we see St. Michael as conqueror of Satan.

Now you will easily recall a similar scene in which it is the Blessed Virgin that figures as conqueror of Satan. In the first book of the Bible you will come across these words: "I will put enmities between thee and the woman, and thy seed and her seed; she shall crush thy head." These words are spoken in Paradise. They are addressed to Satan, the old serpent, who had just

by sin. Her office it was, to bring us Jesus, the Lamb to be slain for our sins. Her office it was, to consent to His Passion and to share in its anguish for our redemption. Her office it is, to intercede for us continually that the fruits of His Bitter Passion be applied to each, till the victory over Satan be complete in effect.

III. Why just the Reed and Lance? To show that her victory is the triumph of love.

a) In the case of St. Michael this is vouched for by his very name, which means: Who is like unto God? It is vibrant with love for God. His love for men is indicated in the book of Daniel: "But at that time shall Michael rise up, the great prince who standeth for the children of thy people. And a time shall come, such as never was from the time that nations began even until that time. And at that time shall they thy people be saved, every one of them shall be found written in the book." Strangely enough the tenth chapter of this book twice describes him as the "Helper," "and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes came to help me!" "And none is my helper in all these things, but Michael, your Prince." We can surely discern a marvelous harmony in his presence beside our Mother of Perpetual Help.

b) The Passion of Jesus in its entirety was a work of love. Yet the reed and lance symbolize two details of exquisite delicacy and tenderness in Jesus: Two characteristics in the love which our Mother of Perpetual Help must bear us.

1) The Reed and Sponge recall to our minds His plaintive cry upon the cross: "Thirst!" Why this cry? St. John is careful to insert the explanation: "That the Scripture might be fulfilled: 'Here we see His love for the Father; for to Him, the words of the Prophets formed the program of His Father's Will. Now, just this tiny detail of prophecy had not yet been realized. He had not yet been given vinegar and gall to drink for love of His Father, and yet, little and lots of the Law must be fulfilled. Hence we here see His love for us also. Once He said that He had a baptism with which He was to be baptized, and that He was straitened till it be accomplished. Now He beheld Him suffer in the agony of death still searching and groping and straining for every drop of bitterness, every crumb of anguish that might convince us of His love."

His mother stood by His plaintive cry must have pierced her soul. How her heart heaped with a mighty yearning to help her Son! Also help him—she could not! All she can do is to help us. In us she beholds her Son once more. To help us now is her Mother's office and privilege. Friend, in you she loves Jesus. In you, she sees her child suffering and helpless again. Can you imagine with what kindness she yearns to be a Mother of Perpetual Help for you?

2) The Lance recalls a scene of love so plain that it need not detain us long. His gasping heart can challenge you to state what further proof of love you could demand. But when that cruel blow was struck, Jesus was already dead. His Mother alone remained alive. The Lance no longer pained Him! But who can say how vividly it tortured her? Call it a single lance-wound, call it a sevenfold sword, call it a sea of sorrow, only remember that it shows you what she endured for love of you. It shows you what lovely Mother of Perpetual Help you have found in Her.

SODALTALK

Recording the Activities of Rochester Parish Sodality Union

It would seem that Sodality activities are to be carried on unbrokenly throughout the summer, in fact, quite a number of the Sodality are planning to have summer meetings.

We have been talking for some time about the Parish Sodality Union picnic. It has gone down in history as one of the wonders of the world. The hospitable welcome given at Marcelle Sigler's cottage on Congue Lake was "Make yourselves at home" and we certainly carried it out to the letter. An afternoon of games, confab, picture-taking, "coffee-potting" and fun topped by a delicious supper out-of-doors seemed so much fun in itself but when to this is added an hour and a half boat ride or rather I should say "musical" boat ride and moving pictures, words fail to express the good time had by all.

On Sunday, June 18th, St. Bridget's Sodality held its solemn reception of candidates. The large number of candidates shows the growing interest and enthusiasm in the Sodality. The Rev. J. J. Bresnahan, pastor of St. Bridget Church, delivered the reception address.

June 18 seemed to be Sodality Sunday in more than one parish. St. Francis Xavier held its first Communion breakfast following the Sodality Mass. Seventy Sodality members were present at the Communion breakfast. We congratulate them on their fine representation.

St. Boniface also had a most enjoyable Communion breakfast following the seven-thirty Mass at which the Sodality received Communion in a body. The breakfast opened with the eighty-four Sodality members swinging into the beautiful martial air of the Sodality Catholic Action song. Following the singing of the hymn Father Vogt, director of the Sodality, addressed the Sodality. During the course of the breakfast, Miss Helen Guntort, President of the Rochester Parish Sodality Union spoke on the ideals and aims of the Sodality and Miss Mary Leahy discussed the work of the various Sodality committees.

On Wednesday, June 21, the solemn installation of the new officers of Holy Rosary Sodality took place. At the installation ceremonies the various heads of committees for the coming year were announced.

Have you ever heard the Catholic Action hymn "For Christ the King"? To merely read the words is to envision the youthful Crusaders of old in modern dress and to hear it sung whole-heartedly by a group of young women beginning life's great battle is to experience an unforgettable thrill.

The Summer School of Catholic Action held at New Orleans showed an enrollment of two hundred Sodality members from that location. Are you going to be "among those present" at the New York Summer School of Catholic Action?

Complete Staff Named for Camp Madonna Season

The complete staff which is to administer Camp Madonna-on-Congue Lake this season is announced by the Camp Committee of the Catholic Women's Club, as follows:

Director and in charge of Land Sports: Miss Kathryn M. Gaffney. Swimming Instructor and in charge of Water Sports: Miss Beverly Cogswell.

Dramatics and Music: Miss Mary E. Moogan of Wollsville, N. Y. Handcraft: Miss Eleanor O'Neill, Mstron and Dietician: Miss Jennie J. Keoney.

Nurse: Miss Mary A. Driscoll, R. N., of New York City. All of the members of this year's staff served last year. The committee also has under consideration the addition of another activity for the Camp, which has not been included in former programs, the details of which will be announced later. Handcraft instruction this year will include work in metal jewelry and clay and soap modelling.

With a limited capacity of forty girls and seven and one-half acres of ground there is ample room for sports of every kind and the dramatic and athletic contests which are staged each week. Troops of every variety shelter the Camp from the highway or afford shady walks and retreats for the quiet hours, and under these trees, Miss Leahy said, each Sunday and opportunity given the Catholic girls to receive the Sacraments. Vestments, altar cloths, small altar linens, missal and altar furnishings have been donated by members of the Club, and the first Mass of the season will be said at Camp next Sunday, (July 2nd) by Reverend Henry Manley, the chaplain.

A sunny sandy beach extends well out into the lake in front of the house, which having been built for a country home, is sealed and has all the improvements of a town house. Registration for Camp must be made in advance at the Catholic Women's Club, 215 Alexander Street. Girls of any creed from eight to eighteen will be received, for the full season of six weeks or any portion of it.

Communion Time

"O Lord I am not worthy," Three times the bell has rung. And softly, humbly, without glory, The King of kings will come.

Upon the altar candles bright, Give forth their golden glow, While, sweetly mingling with their light, Sacred strains from the organ flow.

The golden doors are parted, The Host is raised on high, All heads in adoration bow, For Jesus Christ is nigh!

Some people study all their life, and at their death they have learned everything except to think.—Domergue.

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A WORTHWHILE SUMMER ACTIVITY

As Summer approaches, our thoughts turn to the long vacation, and to the needs of the boys and girls.

In those days when adults find it difficult to obtain employment, it is important that earnest consideration be given to the activities of the boys and girls from the routine duties of school.

1—Providing recreation of the right sort. 2—Teaching responsibility—each boy and each girl should be required to perform daily certain tasks as a contribution to Family Life. 3—Establishing vacation schools.

Catholic vacation schools are a necessity. Catholic centers here in Rochester are Charles House, Genevieve Institute, St. Anthony's School, and the school at the Church of the Annunciation, this last under the special auspices of the Catholic Women's Club, one of our affiliated organizations.

What can your organization do to help in the Summer programs for the children of your vicinity? Both volunteers and material for hand work projects will be appreciated. The help of the laywomen is necessary and welcome in this field of Catholic Action.

We are pleased to announce the recent affiliation of St. Meno's Ladies Auxiliary No. 442, Knights of St. John, and the renewal of affiliation of the following organizations:

Catholic Women's Federation of Rochester. Daughters of Isabella of Newark. Mission Society of St. Joseph's Church, Rochester. Immaculate Heart of Mary Society of St. Alphonsus Church, Albany. League of the Sacred Heart of Mary's Church, Corning. Parent Association, Academy of the Sacred Heart, Rochester.

The Rochester Deanery Council of the N. C. C. W. will hold its meetings during June, July and August. Interest a friend in this newspaper by giving him your copy when read.

Advertisement for Remington lacquer, featuring a picture of a woman and text: "Something You Should Know THE NEW LOWE BROTHERS LACQUER is just the product to brighten your furniture. It brings out the beauty of color and design. It produces a hard, durable and easy-to-clean surface. It dries hard in an hour. It will not discolor the lightest of patterns. Renew the beauty of old furniture and retain the beauty of new. Bernard, Porter & Remington 6, 11 & 12 NORTH WASHINGTON ST. MAIN BLDG."

Advertisement for Graeser's Automatic System, featuring a picture of a woman and text: "GRAESER'S AUTOMATIC SYSTEM with its cold circulating air—preserves the beauty and life of your furs. No worry, either, about loss from fire or theft. A privately owned refrigerating plant—(one of the best equipped, modern, cold storage vaults anywhere) devoted exclusively to Fur Storage. Let Us Clean — Repair — Remodel Your FURS at Low Summer Prices. Wm. V. Graeser Co. Manufacturing Furriers 38 CLINTON AVE. NORTH"

Advertisement for "AS ONE WOMAN TO ANOTHER" by Suzanne, featuring a picture of two women and text: "AS ONE WOMAN TO ANOTHER By SUZANNE. HAVE YOU had that summer permanent yet? If not, don't delay any longer to call Stone 4943. Loretta's Beauty Shop, 793 Ave. D. Soft natural looking waves for \$4 and \$6. Ask me, I know, 'cause I've got one."

Advertisement for Strawberry Mousse, featuring a picture of a woman and text: "HAVE YOU had those recipes of last week yet? Here is a good one either for a dinner dessert or when company drops in in the evening. STRAWBERRY MOUSSE 3 cups crushed strawberries 4 cups whipped cream 1 tlb. lemon juice 3-4 cup confectioners' sugar Cover the berries with sugar and let stand one hour. Mash berries and put through a strainer. Add to the whipped cream and flavor with lemon juice. Put into mould and freeze for three and one-half hours. Peaches or apricots may be substituted for the strawberries."

Advertisement for a Sale Opportunity, featuring a picture of a woman and text: "SALE OPPORTUNITY comes knocking but once, they say, so you had better hurry up and get over to the Genesee Millinery, 170 Genesee Street (near Bronson), and get one of those summer hats on sale for 50c and 79c. They also have whites for \$1 and \$1.50. Open evenings."

Advertisement for a dress sale, featuring a picture of a woman and text: "ALTHOUGH we're all quite conscious of the depression, some of us still insist on thinking in 1929 terms. To be able to get a dress for \$4.95 and have it the very latest in style, still seems an impossibility. To correct this impression all one has to do is to stop in at Bernstein's, 682 Park Ave. (beyond Berkeley) for seeing is believing. Pay special notice to the swagger coat dresses (\$4.95) but don't overlook the smart cottons at \$2.95."

Advertisement for a restaurant, featuring a picture of a woman and text: "ATTENTION please! We would like to announce that the Nook Restaurant, 14 Gibbs Street, will be closed all day Saturdays during July and August. Don't fail to stop in on week-days for that cool refreshing lunch. They specialize in 25c and 35c plates."

Advertisement for lunch, featuring a picture of a woman and text: "HAD LUNCH the other day in the Columbus Civic Centre Dining Room. Don't know when I've enjoyed a meal so much. The food was delicious but the thing that appealed to me most was the cool atmosphere. My lunch

Weekly Calendar of Feast Days

(N. C. W. C. News Service) Sunday, June 25.—St. Prosper of Aquitaine was born in the year 403. His works show that in his youth he had happily applied himself to all the branches both of secular and sacred learning. St. Leo the Great invited St. Prosper to Rome and made him his secretary. The date of his death is uncertain but it is known that he was alive in 463. Monday, June 26.—St. John and Paul, martyrs. These two Saints were both officers in the army under Julian the Apostle. They received the crown of martyrdom about the year 362. Tuesday, June 27.—St. Ladislaus, King, was the son of Bela, King of Hungary. Compelled against his own inclination to ascend the throne, he restored the good laws and discipline which St. Stephen had established. He died in 1095. Wednesday, June 28.—St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr, was born about the year 120. He was chosen Bishop of Lyons and by his preaching in a short time converted almost that entire country to the Faith. He wrote several works against heresy. About the year 202 he suffered martyrdom under the Emperor Severus. Thursday, June 29.—St. Peter, Apostle, was a fisherman of Galilee before he was called to become the Prince of the Apostles and the first Supreme Pontiff of the Catholic Church. Friday, June 30.—St. Paul was born at Tarsus of Jewish parents and studied at Jerusalem. Miraculously converted to the Faith he carried the Gospel to the uttermost limits of the world. With St. Peter he consecrated Rome by his martyrdom. Saturday, July 1.—St. Gal, Bishop, was born at Clermont in Auvergne about the year 489. He entered the monastery of Cournon where his vir-

Father Cleary To Offer Nazareth Alumnae Mass

The annual Nazareth Academy Alumnae Mass will be offered on Sunday, June 25, at 8-30 a. m. at Nazareth Academy on Lake Avenue. The Rev. Patrick Cleary will officiate. A Communion Breakfast will follow the Mass at which reception of the graduates into the Alumnae Association will take place.

At the business meeting to be held in conjunction with the breakfast, the election of officers will be conducted and the yearly report of outgoing officers made.

Mrs. Francis Keough is general chairman of the event. Assisting her on the reception committee are: Mrs. W. Miller, the Misses Florence Howard, Adelaide Bisenbach, Rosemary Edelmann, Adelaide Walker, Mary Leahy, Eva Shreiner, Mary Ellen Lally. Miss Anna Lou Ginnity is in charge of publicity. Reservations are to be made with Miss Mary Ellen Lally, 131 Magnolia St.

Parish Social Planned By Sodality for June 28

The Sodality of Our Lady of SS. Peter and Paul's Church will conduct a parish social in the school hall, Brown Street, Wednesday evening, June 28, beginning at 8:15 o'clock. Music will be provided and cards will be played with a prize for each table.

The general chairman in charge is the Rev. Robert J. Fox, assisted by the Central Council of the Sodality. He recommended to Quintanus, Bishop of Auvergne, who promoted him to holy orders. When Quintanus died, the Saint was chosen to succeed him. St. Gal was favored with the gift of miracles. He died about the year 552.

Large advertisement for Forman's Stay-Slim Girdle, featuring a picture of a woman in a girdle and text: "If you can't stand on one of these without a shudder... TRY 'STAY-SLIM' the new reducing GIRDLE. Not the old-fashioned straitjacket of fair, but a new development in perforated latex that goes about its assigned work so unassumingly that first you lose excess weight—and then you haven't! The fabric is electrically punctured with thousands of holes that give the girdle a chance to catch its breath and for penetration to evaporate. Besides that, it's comfortable to wear over in the wash and launders easily. Three styles, each from \$5 to \$7.50. Forman's \$5.00 AND \$7.50 Forman's"