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reat Discovery In-Holy Land Followed Conversion of Alphonse Mary Ratisbonne, To Whom Blessed Virgin Appeared in Eternal-Gity

By MSGR. ENRICO PUCCI (Written for N. C. W. C. Easter Supplement-) Rome and Jerusalem are the two places to which Christian thoughts turn most spontaneously during the holy days of Eastertide. These two places are linked together by a thousand ties established by Providence in the course of

centuries and which renew and confirm that first, fundamental link through which Our Lord desired URGES SPREAD that the work of the Divine Redemption which He accomplished through His Passon and death should be continued through the ages at Rome, chosen to be the See of the Head of the Church One of these ties belongs to both

the nineteenth and twentioth cenruries. It is the miraculous conversion of Alphonse Mary Ratisbonne. which took place in Rome nearly a century ago, and the discovery only a few years ago of one of the most famous places of the Passion in Jerusalem, as a result of his ef-

Alphonse Ratisbonne was born at Strassbourg on May 1, 1814, of a family of rich bankers. In 1842 he was engaged to be married and his father had taken him into partnership in his bank. His position was bright and secure, and his future was most promising. His brother, Theodore Ratisbonne, had been converted from Judaism to Christianity a number of years before and had become a Catholic priest famous for his apostolic zeal and his learned writings. Alphonse was more or less indifferent in religious matters, but his prother's conversion produced in him a strong aversion to the Catholic re-

ligion and particularly to priests. JOURNEY TO ROME In the course of a journey under-taken for his health, the ways of Providence led Alphonse Ratisbonne to Rome He himself was unable later to explain why he had gone there. A view of the Ghetto confirmed him in Pis. love for his own people and his hatréd of Christianily Purely out of courtesy, Alphonse accepted from a friend named Theodore Bussierre, a convert from Protestantism, a Mirac-alous Medal He continued resolute in his aversion to Christianity, and conversations with his friend on subsequent days were marked by his ironic and blasphemous replies to the pious counsels of Bussierre At noon on January 20, 1842, Al-phonse entered the Church of Saint Andrea delle Fratte with his friend and remained within the temple while Bussiere wont into the ancuneral of a friend which was to happened then. Alphonae never was this to tell precisely. The church disappeared before his eyes, and he saw nothing but a great light sugar rounding, an altar, in the middle of which appeared a shining image of the Blessed Virgin — just as she appeared—on-the Miraculous Medal subject to the nunity individual indisappeared before his eyes, and he which he had now carried for some subject to the pupil's individual in days The Blessed Virga, with hands extended towards him, invit-

speak Returning some minutes later. him up while Alphanse, between sobs told him that the Blessed Virgin had appeared to him: that he the tope himself often receives fell himself entirely changed, and keeping with a long established cus- with which Alphonse, until then a mas. scentic and enemy of Christianity. We do not mark the beginning the secular year with a public charches of fullness of the new zeal that filled

RÉNOLICED WORLD They tombed a Man (the crowd had of such gifts at Easter time and With his conversation Alphonse Ratishonne renounced everything. Scaled it, and set a watch that way Gifts of this kind also find their riches, his betrothed, the affection

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Jerusalem's most famous rulers Dame. were David, who brought the Ark' of the Coverant into the city, and Unusual Social Week', Temple, and during whose reign Jerusalem attained the height of Quene (NC) A most success, its glory and grandeur. Its down ful "Social Week" was held in the fall came in 70 A. D. after a seige city of Levis last week Speakers of 143 days, in which it is said discussed the various means of ex. 600.000 Jews perished, when it was tending social education at school, conquered and destroyed by this in the family and through labor Romans under Titus. The house groups, Scouting, the press, motion which was the scene of Pentecost and the Last Supper was spared.

making you lose time.

Many Easter Customs CROSS BEARERS From Early Centuries PROCESSION Are Preserved In Erin

Free State Commission Begins Catalogue Throwing New Light on Adaptation of Pagan Customs To Christianity and Influence on People

fvers furopean land has its folklore and its tales of ancient times, often fabulous. Likewise, in every European land there persist today customs and odd practices that east back to these early days. No country is richer in tradition than is Ireland, populated by a people of sturdy Emagination and love of tradition. It is thus that intensely Catholic follow Ireland today east back even before the days of St. Patrick and treasure the legends of their forefathers. In some-instances, they have a Capted arrient legends to their religion of today. Similar attitudes toward the legendary are to be found in every European country. How ever, the following article is concerned with Ireland; where an official compussion is throwing new light upon old stories.

Believe It-NOT

Refuting Current Misstatement Clearing Current Misunderstanding By REV: OWEN B. McGUIRE,

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or a the SC Uniformal full rendition of the solemn choral The cadets are appearing in 1880 a, 10 Days of Fasting and sumpline

School stricts of these the veneration of the Cross and in Easter and includes 40 fasting of the year before are using as chanters the procession for the Way of the days, which are weekdays. The corr respectively, on Wedness Cross other uniformed cadets will Sundays are a part of the Lenten. No man can save himself from 1.0 Hely Thursday and Good Fri- bear replicas of the instruments of season, but are not days of fasting moral destruction unless he pracday They are joining the monks in the Passion.

Age-Old Holy Week Custom on Adriatic Island of Hvar Described

By DR. FREDERIC VON MINKUS (Written for NC WC Easter Supplement)

The Asiatic archipelago is a thing of marvelous beauty. Azure waves wash white cliffs and scents of laurel myrrh and rosemary fill the

The Island of Hvar is a part of New light is expected to be this glorious setting. Hvar was thrown on that obscure part of called Lasina before it became as firsh history in the early fifth centures of Jugoslavia. It has seen tury when St Patrick brought exentful times. The triremes of Christianity to the country, by a Rome have anchored in its harbors. The flags of Byzantium have flown from its towers. The Venetiansthe Turks and the Genoese have fought for it. With Damlatia, it formed a fai't of the Hippburg Emsuch little change in Hvar that its towns and people look like visions of long ago

sible to gain some idea of how an tent pagna customs in Ireland vere adapted to Christmant, and how thus adapted some of them The little town of Vrboskatis situated on the Island of Hvar along a portion of the Adriatic Sea that probes inland like a long, thin fin-Vrboska was built in the Midd'e Ages to afford protection against the prates who with switt books desented their rock fortresses to prey apon Adrian, shipping. - The mexture of bulwark and place of intand side of Vrboska is a pinepeaceful circular valles. Situated on stopes that rise up from the val-

ley and surrounding it like a wreath of blossoms are five other OF DIVISION HERESY AND STRICES AND ETHIOPS bring to the god of Bed to recessed from the Adrianic Sea IANS ARE A STANDING PROOF whom fires were lighted allower the The other four towns are on the FOR CATROLIC DOC PRINES land. The majority of Irish has tops of high mountains. Viewed in toroins now hold the view that it the sanlight of better still the 15 Hishop Manning known was the fire of "Beal" which was moonlight the gleaming white village A A THOLIC" to have been lighted on the day tages look for the world like points

following that on which Saint Pat -in actively crown PROCESSION OF CROSS In the small would that is made of the exist allages in agen'd the Gospel and the fires of the old Good Friday custom prevails of lettle experiment of which we can be considered by some could be considered by the constant of the constant This would be arout the contention. Cours in the solicition about how the that Ireland's ancient feast of observance is carried off. This ob-Beal coincided with Feester this servance is the "Jet za Krizem" the accounting for how, up to the pres. Procession of the Cross, which takes

the mean that one mind mikes was the gol of Beal that all fires Frageriuty of the Press in each of were extinguished on the eve of his the six thank will have selected festival and it was ordered that the principal person." who will none could be relit until the High have the honor of houring the cross Reng label newtonis the two ment tree nine Holy Thur slay night proces It was just before the High King son It is a great under to be the st Patrick in contravention of the existing law lit the Paschal fire on casting votes in elections in this EASTER ISLAND the nearby hill of Slane (see they do not risk the selection I is not unlikely that the desire of the Krazonosa on the fivor or their fellow of the NOW MONUMENT Bulliance accounted for the fact being the best that firmy of them objected is as the firm one to is

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The Island got the name from to the pring month of April and the fact that the first known where hence came to ignify the Christian

or abstinence.

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4By JOHN MORELAND In Sign Magazine It happened on an April day. Faster Island when the Chilean They led One up a skull-shaped hill Was, "Crucify!"

> thes nailed a Man upon a tree Whose head was circled with sharp Lifted Hun high that all might see numbers from the His agony, His heaving breath, His awful death.

Penteenst the Feast of the Asich. The day is effect Easier a tension and in To flout His words, to prove Him way to the Valuan Palmee and not of his relations, the consideration; sind Penteenst Corpus Christ, and at falls in early spring. The name all dispersions of the Asich and the French and the French

It happened on an April day A tremor shook the paling gloom, ter eggs to A white flame tore the door away, institutions Life came a victor from the tomb Love cannot die, nor life betray . . Pope Leo XIII received an Easter Christ rose upon an April day!

Br NCWC News Service: Elister Sunday is the first Sunday after the full froon which occurs on or next after Murch 21 Easter Similar always falls on some date between Mirch 22 and April 25 This the for my diservance was fixed by the Council of Nicaea in 325 Easter west fall on April 25 the ning of kent, are obtained by burn- litest possible date in the yearing palms blessed on Paun Sunday 1943. The earliest it will fall in the twentieth century is March 24. in the year 1940 . .

of eternity for you.

Exam the painting by B-Plockhorn

B) MSGR ENRICO PUCCI, Written for NCWC, Easter

Supplement gifts of Easter eggs which Ro- that he desired to become a Catho-

liture on Easter Saturday to bless his soul. Every uncertainty and the homes of the people they find doubt had vanished He had no need is happened on an April eye.

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> the trade is brink colutes or other sweets. His Holine is generally presents these Eas ter eggs to driends or charitable For his grand minima in 1888

egg which was really worthy of the solemnity of the occasion. It raby surrounded by diamonds

Canadian Catholics Hold

pictures and the radio His Emenince Rodrique Cardinal.

To waste time may mean the loss Villeneuve, Archbishop of Quebec. The devil is often contented with presided at the opening session.

'Good Friday' Incident Reveals Need To Teach Day's Significance

GEORGE BARNARD (Written for N.C.W.C. Easter Supplement)

I want you to try a little per-sonal experiment. Just read the following passage, and then ask yourself if the news surprised you or not. And be caudid about answering it. This is the passage. It. s a news item:

Speaking in the British House of Commons, in a debate on religious. knowledge, a member stated that an inquiry was carried out in one of the new housing districts on the fringe of London, and one of the questions asked was "Why is Good Friday celebrated?" All the children were slient, except one That one answered "Good Friday commenmorates a public holiday.

It is necessary to explain that in England Good Friday is a public holiday. That was all a London schoolboy, product of British com-pulsory education, knew about it. And he seems to have been the brighest boy in the class. His com-panions knew nothing whatever

Did this news shock you? Or does it just say something you have ; known all the time about the state of religious knowledge among the people with whom you mix?
ATHEISTIC TEACHERS

Are there people in other couning of Good Friday, the meaning of Easter and the meaning of Christman? My guess is that there are shoals of them. I know that it is so in England. How could it be otherwise when the State schools risty to give some directions for the when the teachers of the dole of take place on the morrow. What contrary which sections take place on the morrow. What

ists? There are schools where children

And so children in England grow ed Alphonie to approach Alphonie up to think that the great fact the foot of the altar, his eyes-swimming with lears and his heart arranged as public holidays to give I. sufficiating, so filled was he with the populace an opportunity to new sentiments and affection. He

seemed to hear the Blessed Virgin tional holidays mark feasts of the speak Bussierre could not believe his eyes when he saw Alphonse prostrate and the day which follows—the and crying with emotion He raised feast of St. Stephen. There is Good Friday and Easter Monday. firere is Whit Monday, Apart from firese we have only the first Monday in August for a public holiday, and break between Whitsun and Christ-

> We do not mark the beginning holiday though Scotland does. We have no Independence Day. We

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Saints' Testimony To Find of True Cross by Empress

(By N.C.W.C. News Service) Sts. Ambrose, Augustine and Cyril I Jerusalem testify to the finding of the True Cross by the Empress St. Helena, mother of Emperer Constantine, in the year 326, St. Paulinus also carefully recorded the finding of the Crown of Thorns. As the result of a special appeal by St. Helena the Crown of Thorns was kept in Jerusalem in the Eleventh Century, it was conveyed to Constantinople. In Once Called Salem Vonetiens as a pledge for his indebtedness. It was redeemd by St. Louis IX, King of France, in 1239, Jerusalem, in Palestine, was orig- The king built the magnificent

Period For Easter Duties Given

The time during which the Easter duty is to be performed in from the first Sunday of Lest until Trinity Sunday. This year this dates are from March 1 as June 7.

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their new Easter festival of about but before the honor by driving the same time as their old feast of lers. The method is resorted to be By NOWE Beste. Supplement, And olive trees all linshed and gray. The one this see tel to be the Government declard a prior of Followed by a crowd whose piercing recognizing the fixing of Firster (Krizonova has the right of select monument some few months upo, a order to be fixed to fixed the fixe Many parts of Ireland for long and many more and two off the coast of chile. The pened on an April, morn, the parts of Ireland for long and many and many more and the coast of chile. Many parts of Ireland to 1998, and not important or an extending Enter the arrangement of the songer. To have the best singles. From Island's another No. on the respective village assist from monor deorgraphs. So its at Wasternest in the procession is the protein of ingloon D. C. as the easternest

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> ASHES OF BURNED PALMS The askes distributed to the faithful on Ash Wednesday the begin-

tices self-denial.