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I Believe— I Battle

SHOW THEM A TRUE PHOTOGRAPH
By Magr. P. M. H. Wynhoven
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Catholic Action of the South. Shortly after the Eucharistic Congress in New Orleans Catholic Action of the South published a souvenir edition depicting the glories of this national manifestation of faith. The issue presented in rotogravure a scene that brought even to the emotions of an old stager like myself to the breaking point, as one nationally famous dignitary expressed in comments from readers in foreign lands were received, expressing admiration and surprise in witnessing, if only in print, the great faith of our American people. The United States cannot be the hope of the deteriorating world.

"Therefore let us feast, with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." There is no religion, no expression of correct belief in God and the immortal soul, of the risen Christ, left in the world except in the Catholic Church. The leaven of malice and wickedness is being absorbed everywhere. Faith is being systematically destroyed in every unit of society, the home, the nation, the world. In this day of uncertainty, hopelessness and hate, the Church of Rome is the only organization that appears on the Eastern horizon as the rose-tinted dawn of hope. The color reflecting through the ominous clouds denotes that the sun of sincerity and truth is shining again to light and bring warmth to present-day cold, dark civilization. The stupendous miracle of Easter morn can be renewed but, we Catholics, and we alone, should have sufficient faith and concern to worry as to who shall be the sepulchral clouds. It is not sufficient to go around meaninglessly wishing people a "happy Easter" without taking into consideration what the Easteride implies for everybody. We must sincerely pray and actively beat ourselves to bring the light of faith into the hearts of people with whom we are associated. Let us think! If every good Catholic would bring back one indifferent or bad Catholic each year and if every good or converted Catholic would convince one non-Catholic in a few years, the United States would belong to the true Church!

You may say that the impossible is a dead body pushing a heavy stone from its grave and arising in glory. Also, it is impossible that it happened all the same the holy women on Easter Sunday morn also worried. Who shall roll us back the stone from the door of the sepulchre? For the moment, they did not know how to manage this herculean task but they went on their way with prayer on their lips and confidence in their hearts and when the dawn broke, they found the stone rolled out. That God had helped them by doing what was physically impossible. Converting America is impossible for those Catholics who have not enough faith and are too disinterested to worry or to do something about it individually in their own circle of daily life. An exemplary life is a viable prayer of daily little deeds will set any like-warm Catholic sincere Protestant or even an atheist to thinking. Constant thought and readiness to evade the appeal of Christ's Church by passing "the bread of sincerity and truth" to those who are illiterate and strengthen people to better attitudes and final conviction. On occasion, passing papers and articles that depict the glories of your faith will enter the Hippant and impress the thoughtful. If the pictures in an Eucharistic Congress souvenir book convinced our brothers abroad of our faith, the fact of our high ideals and principles as fully expressed in our daily contact with others would have a salutary effect on the minds of those with whom we associate no matter how indifferent or perverse their belief.

"God has placed in Mary the plenitude of all good." - St. Bernard.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Little-Known Facts for Catholics
By M. J. MURRAY



An Easter Saturday custom in URABA, COLOMBIA is to 'Wang-Jardas'

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He is Risen! Alleluia! Before the sun was yet risen in the eastern sky, the holy women made their way to the sepulchre. Conflicting thoughts confused their attention. How were they to roll aside the ponderous stone that closed the entrance? Would the soldiers permit their approach to refresh the urns of perfumes and sweet-smelling spices? Then, too, they recalled His promise to rise on the third day. Yet the burdening grief of Friday amounted almost to despair. Imagine his limitless joy when the Angel announced his triumphant message: "He is risen. He is not here."

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