

Holy Family Devotion 300 Years Old

QUEBEC.—The third centenary of the consecration of the "Ile de Montreal" to the Holy Family will be observed this year. The announcement approved at the tri-monthly meeting of the Archbishops and Bishops of the Province of Quebec appears in this week's *Semaine Religieuse de Quebec*. "Devotion to the Holy Family," the statement says, "has always had a place of honor in our coun-

try. The founders of Quebec and Montreal implanted it among us from the beginning." It is suggested that, on the occasion of the third centenary, "all Christian families renew their consecration to the Holy Family of Nazareth and, in these times so menacing to the home, ask the protection of Jesus, Mary and Joseph so that both parents and children may practice domestic virtues in imitation of the three august Personages of the Holy Family."

U. S. PRIEST'S PARISH EARLY INVADED BY JAPANESE

ST. COLUMBANS, Neb.—(NC).—One of the first priests to see his parish feel the full force of the Japanese invasion of the Philippines was the Rev. Dermot Feeney, Irish-born member of the St. Columban's Society, who is pastor of Lingayen, 112 miles north of Manila.

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The Liturgical Movement The Importance of the Liturgy

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According to its etymology (let-ton ergon, public work), liturgy is the exercise of the public ceremonies of the community, but sacred authors have given it an additional religious meaning; for them liturgy is the exercise of the

public worship of the civitas Dei. The Church by means of its liturgy, that is by the ceremonies accompanying divine worship, desires to fulfill the threefold task entrusted to her by our Savior, namely to instruct, to guide and to sanctify the faithful. In reality, liturgy is the public representation of the doctrine of the Church, it is a summary of the laws and regulations framed by the Church to teach the faithful the proper way to pray. It is the source to which the people are invited to resort to drink in purity and holiness.

One cannot exaggerate the importance of the liturgy in religion for it is, in truth, its very heart and center.

In our day when every effort is being made to instill a religious spirit in society, it would be a lamentable mistake to give a predominant place, above liturgy, to various organizations and pious works, whose supernatural efficacy depends entirely on how much they are imbued with a liturgical sense. And, therefore, among the many activities of Catholic Action the liturgical apostolate should be given first place, for it is through the liturgy that religion must, at first, be taught to the people. His Eminence, Rodrigue Cardinal Villeneuve, O.S.B., Archbishop of Quebec, Primate of Canada, on "The Importance of the Liturgy."

An active participation in the liturgy, and especially the Mass, is, therefore, the chief source of sanctification and the Christian spirit. "Active participation" in the Mass, in the sense in which the Holy Father uses the term, does not merely signify the outward and external performance of the rites, chant, words, and so on of the Mass.

It implies the interior devotion of mind and heart, the sincere inward acknowledgment of God's complete dominion over us and our subjection to Him.

"Active participation," in short, means a sincere inward acknowledgment of God (the interior sacrifice) expressed by participation in the words, rites, chants, etc., of the external sacrifice. Properly understood, therefore, the liturgy is both the internal homage of the soul and its outward bodily expression by means of words, chants, ceremonies, etc., in the forms ordained by the Church for her solemn public worship.

The liturgy and Catholic Action are thus respectively the Mystical Body at prayer and sacrifice, and the Mystical Body in action upon the world. Each of these functions requires the other. True Christian formation by (chiefly) the corporate sacrifice and prayer of the liturgy is the fundamental basis of Catholic Action.—His Eminence, Giuseppe Cardinal Pizzardi, former Papal President of Catholic Action.

Just as it is true that the liturgy aims to glorify God and lead souls to their destiny, it is also true that liturgy is itself the most efficacious means to form the true Christian spirit, which is the aim of all true apostolic endeavor, and which His Holiness Pope Pius XI has declared often to be the very essence of Catholic Action.—His Excellency, Orsilio Campillo, Metropolitan of Santiago.

The active participation of the faithful in the Holy Mysteries, in the public, solemn prayers of the Church, is to sought with all possible means, since this is the first, indispensable source of the true Christian spirit, the general and most fruitful form of the worship of God and personal sanctification.—His Excellency, the Most Rev. Pedro P. Farfan, Archbishop of Lima.

Family Communion Sunday

Breaking a Habit

Many years ago an English clergyman offered a prize to the boy of his congregation who would write the best essay on "How to Overcome a Habit." A nine-year-old lad won with the following:

"Habit is hard to overcome. If you take off the first letter, it does not change 'a bit.' If you take off another, you will still have a 'bit' left. If you take off still another, the whole of it remains. But if you take off another, 'it' is no longer there; all of which goes to show that if you want to get rid of a habit you must throw it off altogether."

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The most remarkable highway in the New World was laid by the Incas between Quito, Ecuador and Cuzco, Peru, long before the arrival of the conquistadores.



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RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Cash	\$ 5,046,094.78	Deposits	\$18,980,243.96
United States Government Securities	3,397,351.70	*Preferred Stock \$	696,370.00
State, County and Municipal Bonds	384,267.50	Common Stock ..	400,000.00
Other Securities, readily marketable	742,853.14	Surplus and Undivided Profits	1,001,840.98
Loans and Discounts	8,189,943.43	Retirement Fund for Preferred Stock	45,711.19 2,143,872.17
F. H. A. Insured Mortgages ..	1,539,603.99	Reserves for Interest, Taxes, etc.	149,793.56
Bonds and Mortgages	1,136,377.57		
Banking Houses, Vaults, Furniture and Fixtures ...	475,519.75		
Other Real Estate Owned ...	246,667.92		
Accrued Interest Receivable ..	75,028.16		
Other Assets	40,201.75		
TOTAL	\$21,273,909.69	TOTAL	\$21,273,909.69

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