

# The Resurrection—in Chinese Art



This work of Wang Shu-yuen, a striking example of Chinese Christian art, reflects the influence of Cathay's famed stories of heroism. Our Lord does not ascend slowly in this picture, but climbs joyously to heaven in the vigorous manner that a hero of one of China's ancient sagas might have employed. (Fides.)

# ST. PATRICK'S, Owego

## EASTER RITES ATTENDED

**MARY C. BROGAN**  
OWEGO - St. Patrick's Church was filled to capacity at both the Masses on Easter Sunday, the largest congregation attending the 8:30 Mass. The majority of those attending the earlier Mass, also received Holy Communion. The altars were resplendent with the use of the Easter flowers which

were in direct contrast to the dreary appearance of the Altars during Holy Week. Pink and white snapdragons and Easter lilies were the predominating flowers used. The children's choir of the Parochial School sang at the early Mass.

## Newark Valley Party

The annual Easter Monday dance of St. John's Parish, Newark Valley was held on Easter Monday

night and was attended by a large number of the parishioners and their friends. The affair, which was sponsored by the members of the Altar Society, was in charge of Mrs. George Loughlin and Mrs. Gerald Zimmer. The dances have proved to be popular and the residents of that vicinity look forward each year to their occurrence. The Rev. Alexander Stec, assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church is in charge of the mission church at Newark Valley.

To give scandal is a great fault, but to take scandal is a greater fault.

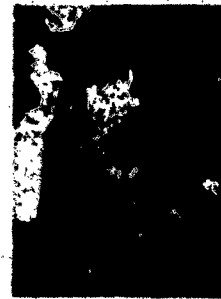
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# Celibacy Is It Possible? Is It Practical? Is It Historical?

Webster's dictionary defines Celibacy as "the state of being unmarried, single life, especially that of a bachelor; or one bound by vows to an unmarried life."

## Is Celibacy without immorality possible?

A gentle old lady whom we know of, makes no bones about her answer when the Catholic priesthood is involved. "Impossible!" she fumes, making a Dr. Jekyll-and-Mr. Hyde change from her former gentility. "Celibacy's against nature. It's a gross hypocrisy that fools the fools, degrades virgins and -- and" -- and on she went about tunnels and convents and orphan asylums, until her daughter, beautiful, twenty-eight and unmarried, had to rush for the smelling salts and the aromatics.

In the United States there are more than twenty million adults who are unmarried. Some of them are relatives and friends of mine and yours.

Twenty million bachelors and maidens! Who is to accuse them all, or even a majority of them of grievous immorality. No one but beast-like men, who tries to cover his own evil passions in accusations against others.

You know and I know many perfectly moral unmarried men and women who have chosen the single life for purely worldly reasons, because they were called neither to the married nor religious state. Knowing this, how can anyone cast the shadow of suspicion on the Catholic priest, who vows both celibacy and chastity—who receives daily the many graces which God bestows on his priests—whose duties for God and God's children leave little time for any worldly thoughts? Common horse-sense gives the answer.

## Is a celibate clergy practical?

How often have you read in the secular press of the Catholic priest at home and in foreign lands, sticking to his post through war and rebellion, through to his life taken. Courage? Yes, but more than that—an undivided allegiance to his duty and to his God. Is a celibate priesthood practical? Who can deny it when the real test

## Is clerical celibacy historical?

Did Christ command it? No, but He Himself practiced it and advised it when He told the rich young man that to be perfect he must leave all things and follow Him. St. Peter, His true was a married man, but at the time that Christ called him, either his wife was dead, or he had left her to follow his Master. All the other Apostles, so far as the Bible shows, were unmarried. St. Paul, the great celibate, advised in no uncertain terms the state of celibacy for those who were called. The early fathers gave the same advice and from the earliest days celibacy was willingly practiced by most of the clergy. It was not, however, until the time of Leo, the Great (440-461), that the law of priestly celibacy was obligatory throughout the Western Church.

Please bear in mind that celibacy of the priesthood is not a dogma of the Church. It is simply an obligatory law imposed with the view of the duties and dignity of the priesthood. Naturally the Catholic Church does not presume to enact disciplinary laws for any clergy other than its own.

Detailed information on priestly celibacy or on any other Catholic subject will be gladly furnished on request. Catholic Information Society, Norberth, Pa.

## Pope Honors Veteran Irish Bell Ringer

DUBLIN.—Daniel Kennedy, oldest member of the Irish Association of Change Ringers and conductor of the team at the Augustinian Church, St. John's Lane, here has been honored by the Holy Father for his long and faithful service of over 50 years to the Augustinian Church.

At an impressive ceremony in the Church, Mr. Kennedy was formally presented with the decoration, "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice."

## ALUMNI PRAY

Boston—Members of the alumni of Boston College throughout New York and New England received Holy Communion and offered up prayers yesterday for the safety success of those of their numbers who are now in the armed services.