

Revelation In Present Order Necessary To Man

By Linus Nicozo

Through the promptings of his own inner nature, by the light of his own reason, man can and does know the existence of God; man can understand that he has a duty to worship that God. Absolutely speaking, it is possible for man to discover the nature of God, as the unique, all-

powerful, Supreme Being, who is subsisting intelligence and subsisting love. But actually how many men are capable of weaving for themselves out of the tangled threads of facts a comprehensive and clear-cut tapestry of the Divinity who rules the world?

The demands of practical life upon the average individual make it almost impossible for him to spend the time necessary in such a search. Only those endowed with rare talent, plenty of leisure, and a burning thirst for truth are

usually capable of coming to a knowledge of their duties to God and their fellowmen through the use of their intellects alone.

Manifestly such a condition makes it impossible for man to worship God as his first beginning and last end, and yet God, of His very nature, demands such worship. God, then, in His mercy and justice, must have provided some means whereby man, the average individual living in a busy world, could know Him and worship Him. In other words, He must have made some sort of revelation to man.

Literally revelation means a drawing back of the veil from that which is hidden. More formally it is defined as the manifestation of some truth supernaturally made known to man by God.

There are many who, admitting the existence of God, have denied that He could, or would communicate with us in any way. They contend either that such a thing is impossible or that it is beneath the dignity of the Supreme Being. Surely it is not beyond the infinite power of God to manifest to man the knowledge that he needs. It was the same Almighty God who gave us the power of communicating with one another, who gave to the teacher the ability to communicate his knowledge to the pupil. Certainly if man can communicate with man then God can do the same. Nor is it impossible for man to receive a revelation from God, since he has the physical capacity for receiving knowledge and since the object of his intellect embraces all truth which naturally includes truths that might be revealed by God, who is Truth itself.

But is it beneath God's dignity

to instruct men in supernatural truths? It is no indignity for the wisest teacher to instruct the most ignorant pupil, even though some of our modern-day college professors might balk at being placed in a kindergarten. By nature we respect great knowledge in anyone, but when we see great knowledge stooping to abysmal ignorance in order to lift us up, our respect changes to admiration or even love.

As a matter of fact history records the failure of men to acquire anything like a comprehensive knowledge of even natural religion. With the exception of the Jews, most of the peoples of antiquity fell into the grossest kind of errors regarding God, their relation with Him and with their fellowmen. They multiplied their gods and divinities; they imagined all the various gods created by their minds as constantly feuding with one another; they set them up as patrons of every sort of moral disease; their worship of them in many cases amounted to nothing more than publicly sanctioned immorality.

Even Plato, one of the greatest thinkers of all time, admitted as right many practices at variance with the natural law. But he perceived the fundamental truth back of this whole discussion, for he asserted: "The truths necessary to men are easily learned if we are taught them, but no one can learn them unless God shows him the way."

The average man is no mental giant such as was that great philosopher of Greece; he too must admit his dependence on God to reveal to him the truths necessary if he is to attain the goal God created him for.—Western Catholic.

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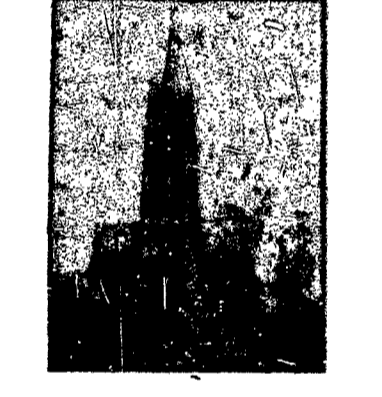
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YOUNG PRIEST ORDAINED

First Solemn Mass of Father O'Meara, C.S.B.—
Another young man from Corpus Christi parish will be ordained to the Holy Priesthood on this Saturday morning in St. Basil's Church in Toronto. The Rev. John Patrick O'Meara, C.S.B., will sing his First Solemn High Mass in Corpus Christi Church on this Sunday morning, Aug. 16, at 10:45. The parish will tender Father O'Meara a public reception in the parish hall on Sunday afternoon from 3:00 until 6:00.

Father O'Meara is the son of Mrs. Elizabeth O'Meara of 1129 East Main St. He graduated from our parish school in 1928 and finished his High School course at Aquinas Institute in 1932. Having finished his studies in St. Michael's College he will be ordained Saturday for the Congregation of St. Basil.

Proud that another boy from our parish has attained to the heights of the Holy Priesthood, we extend hearty congratulations to Father O'Meara and assure him that our prayers will follow him through his priestly life.

Fish Fry and Summer Fair—
With the fish fry as the featured attraction our Summer Parish Fair promises to be one of the most successful ever held in our parish. The Chairman and the General Committee have made final arrangements for accommodating a very large attendance. With enthusiastic expectation the General Committee assures those who attend of an unusually entertaining and gala evening. Many new attractions have been added this year and emphasis has been laid upon making this Fair an enjoyable affair for all.

The Fair will be held two evenings, Friday and Saturday, Aug. 21 and 22, in our parish hall. The fish fry will be served continuously beginning at 6:30.

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Kindergarten Begins
Corpus Christi School will institute a kindergarten this September at the opening of the fall term. Boys and girls who are five years of age or within a month or two of five years may register with Sister M. Hilary, the Principal of the school. If possible registration should be made at once, since attendance will necessarily be limited.

St. Boniface Parish PARISH PICNIC

The annual St. Boniface Parish picnic will be held on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 23, at Baker's Farm in Genesee Valley Park. There will be refreshments and games for all ages.

The Altar Boys will be entertained at a picnic on Tuesday, Aug. 18, at Hamlin Beach Park.