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CHRIST APPOINTED PETER TO BE SUPREME HEAD OF CHURCH

By Lipus Rordan

The true head of the Church is Jesus Christ Himself, its Divine Founder, who invisibly abides in and governs the Church, and in Himself unites all her members. Yet because

the Church is a visible community of body, and because a visible society must also have a visible head in order to maintain unity and order, Christ appointed St. Peter to be His representative on earth and willed that the Apostle should teach, sanctify, and rule the faithful.

Before His passion Jesus Christ promised to St. Peter the primacy over His Church: "Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build My Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven and whatever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (MAT. XVI, 18-20). There is no misunderstanding these words. By them Christ promised to make Peter the head of the Apostles and the chief teacher and ruler of the entire Church. "Peter" or Kephas in Aramic—the language Christ used—means "rock" and Peter thus the cornerstone on which Christ was to build His Church. The keys to ancient times were a symbol of supreme authority and Christ's giving of the keys to Peter described His bestowal of the primacy on Peter.

After His Resurrection Christ confirmed Peter's primacy and actually appointed him head of the Apostles when He commissioned him to "feed My lambs" and "Feed My sheep" (John XXI, 16-17). Because Peter was to be the foundation stone of His Church Jesus prayed particularly for him that "his faith may not fail and that when once thou hast turned again, strength thy brethren" (Luke XXII, 32).

From the very day of Our Lord's ascension into Heaven, Peter exercised the office of the visible head of the Church, and he was acknowledged by all the faithful as the chief of the Apostles and the pastor of the whole flock. In the early days of a matter of importance was to be decided or executed, Peter acted first as chief of the Apostles. Thus, for example, he took the leading role in the election of Matthias to take the place of Judas, on the Feast of Pentecost, in the contention about receiving the heathens into the Church, and in the council of the Apostles in Jerusalem.

The Evangelists, when enumerating the Apostles, always name Peter first, although he had neither priority of age nor priority of vocation. St. Matthew expressly says: "Now these are the names of the 12 Apostles: First, Simon, who is called Peter." Bossuet, celebrated French Bishop, in speaking of the primacy of Peter said: "He is the first to confess the faith; the first to see the Risen Lord; the first to pay Him homage before all the people; the first to confirm the faith by a miracle; the first to convert the Jews; the first to receive the Gentiles; the first to speak in the Council of Jerusalem, the first that Paul came to see before exercising the functions of the apostolate. He came to see him that, through all time, it might be an established principle that, however learned or holy one might be, were he even another St. Paul, he must see Peter."

The Fathers, the witnesses and interpreters of the primitive belief, call St. Peter the first Pontiff of the Christians, the doctor of the world, the head and prince of the Apostles. They from other Apostles with such names as the Unbreakable Rock, the Foundation, the Base of the Church, the Gatekeeper of the Heavenly Kingdom, the Mouth of All the Apostles, the Head of the Christian Family, the Commander of the Whole World.

Because the primacy had been instituted by Christ not for Peter alone, but for all the Church, the special power of chief teacher and ruler of the Church was not to cease with Peter's death, but was to pass from him to his lawful successor in the Episcopal see of Rome, who, in consequence, has always been acknowledged as the visible head of the Church and the Vicar of Christ on earth.—The Western Catholics.

When Uncle Sam's fighting forces really start to pour it on, the Japs are going to discover they've got a tough time ahead trying to save the race, much less the face.—Lorrell Lander.

150,000 AT RITE FORMERLY BANNED IN MEXICO STATE

MEXICO CITY.—At Mexico in the State of Yucatan where, a few years ago, no religious ceremony of any kind was tolerated, more than 150,000 persons assembled for the recent Diocesan Eucharistic Congress. Throughout the night

Boy Wins Trip In Scrap Drive

CHICAGO.—A Catholic boy, James Powers, student at Mandelkin Catholic High School, has been selected as one of two Chicago students to take a free trip to New Orleans as their reward for winning the War Production Board's scrap collection contest.

ST. PATRICK'S (Elmira)

SOCIETY MEETING SET

The regular monthly meeting of St. Patrick's Sodality of Our Lady will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 13 at 8 p. m. Recitation of the little office of the Blessed Vir-

gin in the church will precede the meeting. Officers of the sodality will meet on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 28 to discuss the program.

Family Communion

Next Sunday, Jan. 18, Family Communion Sunday for members of the parish, in accordance with the express desire of His Most-Grace, Bishop Kearney, that the feast of the Holy Family be celebrated in this way.

BECOMES HIGHEST RANKING IN DOMINION'S AIR FORCE

MONTREAL.—Air Commodore Albert de Merville, officer commanding the Royal Canadian Air Force in Montreal, has been promoted to the rank of Vice Air Marshal, and thus becomes the highest ranking French Canadian officer in the R. C. A. F.

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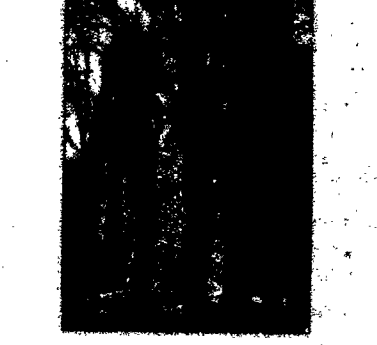
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