

### Close Scranton Church Badly Damaged By Mine's Caving In

SCRANTON (AP) — Severely damaged by a mine caving in, the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Scranton, which was dedicated only two years ago at a cost of \$100,000, has been completely gutted at the altar. During the emergency, members of the parish will attend Mass in the basement of St. John the Evangelist Church. The mine cave in necessitated removal of the altar, Sacrament, and sacred vessels to the Rectory.

An official inspection by State Building Inspector John McGuire revealed that the entire sanctuary floor had subsided, the roof was cracked, and a number of serious cracks, one extending from east

to foundation, had developed in the walls of the building. When the church was placed on its feet, it was inspected thoroughly by an underground mining engineer and was pronounced safe. The subsidence occurred while the Very Rev. Eugene McGowan, pastor, and the Rev. Curran Arnold, assistant, both of the City of Scranton, were in the church. The cause of the caving in is still being investigated by the State.

### The Purpose of Life

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where rust and moth consume, and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither rust nor moth consumes, nor thieves break in and steal.

Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. . . . I cannot think they may have Him, and have it more abundantly. . . . This is everlasting life, that they may know Thee, the only true God, and Him Whom Thou hast sent, Jesus Christ. . . . What does it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, but under the loss of his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

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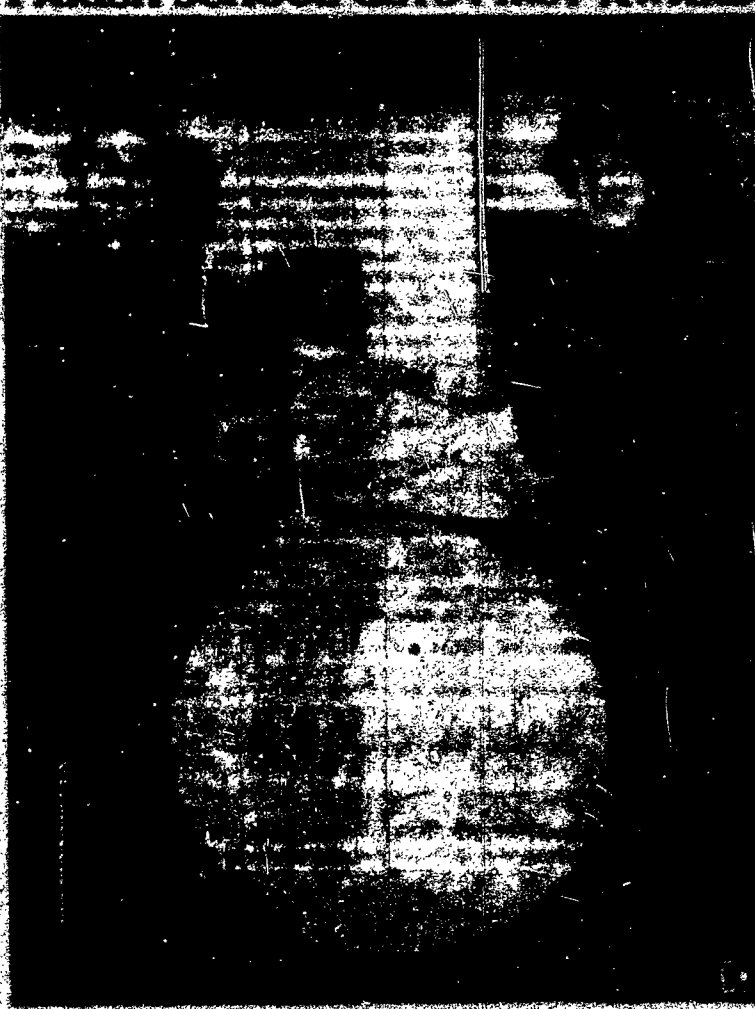
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### 'Quiz' Corner

If the dead can no longer work how can they profit by an inheritance gained for them?

The Catholic Church does not apply directly the infinite merits of Christ and the super-abundant merits of His saints to the souls in Purgatory, even when she has no jurisdiction. She can only offer those merits to God by way of suffrages and leave the application entirely to His good pleasure. Thus a Catholic may gain a Plenary Indulgence and offer it up for a particular soul in Purgatory; but God is not pledged to apply it, and it by no means follows that the soul is at once released into the presence of God. This seems, however, to be the ordinary Protestant notion, although it was expressly condemned by the Church in the Council of Vienna, A.D. 1411.

To marry without love, my friend says that it is a married life in misery without love. I say that it is no life.

To marry without love is not necessarily a sin. It is, however, a most risky thing to do. For when once married, husband and wife are committed by God to love, and if there is no love before marriage, there is not to be some after the wedding and hence a violation of God's command.

Why is it that the Catholic Church is so often persecuted?

There are many and various reasons, but His Church is being persecuted for the same reason that Christ was persecuted in His time. Christ told His apostles: "If the world hates you, know that it has hated Me before you. If you were of the world, the world would love what is its own, but because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hates you; No servant is greater than his master. If they have persecuted Me, they will persecute you also" (John 15: 18-20). Persecution then is an unmistakable sign of divine approval upon our Christian faith.

I used the expression "to love Me," and I was told that this is not a correct expression. Is there anything wrong with it?

This common expression is used to mean professing to love for the purpose of worship and is particularly in order to fulfill the Sunday obligation. Its use today is often condemned on the ground that it suggests that the part of the people is merely to attend passively. To "assist at Mass" is a better phrase as it suggests that the

people take an active part in the Mass so far as it is possible for the laity to take an active part in the Sacrifice of the Mass.

Did our Lord write any of the Holy Scriptures? When was the writing of the New Testament completed? When completed?

Our blessed Lord, so far as we know, never wrote a line of Scripture. If he did, it has not been preserved. It was ten years at least after the death of Christ before a line of the first Gospel was written and about fifty years after His death that the New Testament was completed.

What is meant by the saying that man is created to the "image and likeness" of God? Does it mean that God is like a man?

This statement means that God has endowed man with a spiritual soul, an intelligence and free will making him a person after the plan of the Divine personality. It does not mean that God has a body or has a human appearance in a true sense, however, all creation has been made to the "image and likeness" of God since His design originated in the mind of God and reflects in some way the divine perfections.

What would happen to a person who joined the Altar and Rosary Society after being divorced?

If permission was obtained from proper ecclesiastical authorities for a civil divorce and the party in question is free to receive the Sacraments and has not attempted a second marriage, she could become a member of the Altar and Rosary Society. In fact, it

would be a great spiritual and social aid to her. However, in the event of a second marriage, she would be barred from the sacraments of the Church and she would be unable to fulfill the obligations of membership in the Altar and Rosary Society.

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