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On Guard!

By Rev. Patrick J. Flynn

The Passion of Christ is the world's greatest drama, but if there is any moment in the story when we might suspect that it could have broken down, then that moment is at the very beginning and not at the end. In one sense the crisis of the Passion was not when Christ stepped into the shadow of the Cross on Good Friday. The crisis came the night before when He stepped into the dark shadows of the Garden of Gethsemani. For the writer who would describe the Passion, the events of the Garden are almost as dramatic as the events of Golgotha. Gethsemani was the hour of decision for Christ. In the Garden He was tempted to turn back from the beckoning arms of the Cross. For us the Garden was the hour of desperation because it was the hour when the Son of God seemed on the verge of deserting our cause. The Three Hours on the Cross mark the triumph of the Passion but the one Awful Hour in Gethsemani marks the crisis—the one breathtaking hour when the salvation of men seemed to hang in the balance.

When the Son of God entered the olive grove of Gethsemani on that last evening of His life He was close to the Cross. He was also as close as He ever had been to human beings... Leaving His three apostles sleeping on a hill and then falling, not only to His knees but even flat on His face in prostrate agony and grief. Amid His prayers and grief bands of blood crown His brow and descended to the ground. Some unknown terror was trying the human energies of the God-Man. The Man of Sorrows prayed that "If it might be, the hour might pass from Me..." This is the Awful Hour of Christ in the Garden.

The Christ in the Garden is a strange Christ. What is the cause of this frightful sorrow that grips the Son of God? Is this the mortal Christ that stilled the storm of Galilee with a word? Or the Christ in agony is the Christ who condemned us brilliantly the length and breadth and compassed the skies of space? The terrible weariness which pains the Master on this last night of His life has always been a puzzle. The saints say that in this Awful Hour in the Garden Christ lays aside the features of His divinity and gapes in vision upon the full sound of human misery. In vision He sees all the sins of all time. He sees all the bad deeds, all the hidden evils, all the secret shame that would cover every corner of man. So He wept in this awful懶itude to His Christ in the Garden that His Master might be strengthened.

It is interesting to note that the first thing that Jesus did after the Agony in the Garden was to take the bread and wine and give it to the twelve apostles. It is also interesting to note that the first thing that Jesus did after the Agony in the Garden was to take the bread and wine and give it to the twelve apostles.

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Polish Americans Deplore Big 3 'Compromise' Plan

Chief Rabbi of Rome, Wife, Embrace Faith

ROME—Israel Zolli, Chief Rabbi of Rome, and his wife were received in the Catholic Church on Tuesday (Feb. 13) at the Church of St. Mary of the Angels here.

At his baptism he took the name of Eugenio Maria in honor of Pope Pius XII (Eugenio Pacelli) for the protection which he gave Jews in Rome during the Nazi occupation. His wife took the name of Emma Maria.

Before joining the Catholic Church the distinguished leader of Rome's Jewry resigned his post as Chief Rabbi of the City and declined the Presidency of the Rabbinical College.

The two converts announced that they will receive Holy Communion with a daughter who is betrothed to a Catholic.

Paratroop Chaplain Given Purple Heart

Captain John S. Mahoney, Parachute Chaplain and former curate of Blessed Sacrament Church, Rochester, has been awarded the Purple Heart for a wound incurred in action on

Father Mahoney already holds the Distinguished Service Cross for action on D-Day when he parachuted into France with units of the 101st Airborne Division. Five hours before American ground forces reached the shores of Normandy.

Friends of the Rochester Chaplain will be glad to know that his recent injury, which was a shrapnel wound in the right forearm, was not serious and has already healed. He is still on duty and is serving as Acting Division Chaplain of his Division.

Writing to friends here the thirty-four year old Chaplain gives an all too modest report of his latest exploit.

"I managed," he says, "to get the Purple Heart the easy way. I was getting around to some of the messengers on the line riding. An soldier and I got hit by the men in small groups."

Father Mahoney had not finished his deployment on his front line when a few rounds of shabby artillery came over "just to harass us." The artillery fire killed one soldier, explains Chaplain Mahoney, "and put a nice neat hole through my right forearm."

The small piece of shrapnel went right through the flesh without touching the bone or any artery.

Father Mahoney paid off his "bad review" of his deployment to "one week" and "Purple Heart" did give him an extended leave. He is now back in the States and is serving as Acting Division Chaplain of the 101st Airborne Division.

A native of Newark, N. J., Father Mahoney is an alumnus of St. Peter's Seminary and the University of Notre Dame. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Mahoney, reside in Newark.

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