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First Mass Indulgences

Q. Is there any indulgence to be gained by assisting at the First Mass of a newly-ordained priest?

A. The Raccolla (official list of indulgenced prayers and works) says: "The Priest who assist at the First Mass of any priest may gain an indulgence of 7 years if they are related to the newly-ordained priest within the third degree inclusive..."

Q. There has been some discussion lately about the morality of animal vivisection. What is the stand of Catholicism on the subject?

A. Animal vivisection has never been condemned or declared sinful by the Church. Animals, like plants and minerals, are given to man for his use...

Q. Father Donnelly, S.J., reports that the Fall of France, by the author of The Lost Weekend, is "offensive and indecent on any standard that a book can be judged by."

Q. I am a member of the N.C.W.C. War Aides. New York (N.C.) - Members of the executive staff of War Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference...

Los Angeles (N.C.) - Trial By Fire, a play about racial segregation by the Rev. George H. Dunne S.J., of the faculty of Loyola University, Los Angeles...

Australia: Catholic Phase

The Literary Cavalade

For months I've been aching to tell about this book. I'd escorted the energetic author around New York, read the manuscript, read the galley proofs and have been fondling...

But McGorry died slowly. Rancor was his, trouble persistent. Charity, that modern rarity, worn out and the colony began to mature socially, politically and intellectually...

Q. What is the difference between "actual grace" and "sanctifying grace"?

A. There are many differences. Actual grace is a help from God, a passing and transitory thing, something like a spark; sanctifying grace is a quality, a permanent gift, something like a color...

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Children's Book Choices

New York (N.C.) - The November selections of the Catholic Children's Book Club: Picture Book Group: "Holiday" by Wesley Dennis...

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"IRISH OF THE EAST"
Tegrine is a large village in Lebanon in the only country in the Near East to be a Catholic majority...

"FIVE SATURDAYS"
I promise to assist at the hour of death all who receive Holy Communion on the five Saturdays of the month...

"SHOPPING TOO SOON!"
Have you thought of sending out Santa Claus in person at Christmas? Write for our special circular and our free leaflet "How Can I Help?"

"WILL IT BE?"
Will Christmas be a happy holiday for our children in the seven countries of the Near East? If you only see an empty street and hear the "SILENT SILENCE," won't you help us?

"HAVE PITY!"
Have pity on me, at least you may think for the hand of the Lord has reached me. Have pity on me, for you believe dead by Near East missionaries during November...

"IMPOSSIBLE SAINT"
We pray St. Joseph, Saint of the impossible, honored on October 26, to send us some time benefactions for those dear Carmelite cloistered nuns of Greece and Turkey...

"MAAMOUR"
In spite of much opposition, the Mohammedan government of Negede, Egypt did not cease to send his children to the lovely White Sisters, who now keep school in a broken down hut...

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