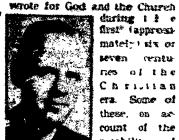
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Fathers of the Church -By Rev. Benedict Ehmann-

Catholics often hear about the Fathers of the Church:

but to most of us it is an indefinite phrase. Actually it is quite specific. It includes all those great writers and deenders of the Faira, both in digious genius and capacit; for the East and in the West, who



during 1 t e first" (approx) mateiy) six or SEVER CEBES Christan era. Some of these, on account of the

notability of . plishment are also designated as Doctors of the Church This title of Doctor has been given further to quite a few writers (or preachers) of the Church who have lived since the time of the Fathers. This title is officially given by the Church, The most recent nomince is St. Anthony of Padua. Celebrated as a Saint for many centuries. I' was fust recently that he was declared a Doctor.

THE FATHERS of the Church include some of the greatest figures in literature. 32. Augustine, St. Ambrose, St. Leo the Great, St Gregory the Chrysostom to name some of the more famous of them A remarkable thing about the writing of these men is that if was not an exclusive occursation with them. It was done in the midst of busy pastoral duties. St. Leo and St. Gregory were Popes the others named above were bishops. And it was the same with most of the other Fathers They were men of many tasks

Perhaps the most remarkable case among the Fathers was St Augustine The quantity of h's writing was enormous, and its quality superb; and yet it was all done by a man "bo would have been famous for his other accomplishments even if he had never done a tap of writing To survey a list of his works, one might suppose that he had time for nothing else. To read of his works, especially after he became a bashep, one might concitide that he was much too busy to write. And set he somehow by force of his pro-

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IT WOULD BE wrong to sunsome that the Fathers are cut of date because they wrote so nes of the . long ago. A good knowledge of the Fathers would be a splendid instruction in wisdom for the very critical problems of today. The period during which they were writing saw the decline and ultimate collapse of a civilization, and afserward the labors of reconstruction. Against the wild swirling storms of those turbulent centuries they set up the ruck of the divine word. To blin who reads with at least a little understanding of the times, there must come in in the pages of many of the Fa then some strong shafts of light upon the alarms and erises of the present bour

> BUT THE FATHERS are valuable for much more than even this. In their broks we share the fult of the divine reveiation is apprehended by moble and nerole souls. To read the Pathers enlarges our souls confirms and expands mur canceptions of the divine teachings, and matures our faith. Not all of them are est and interesting of actific tive But in a judicious selection of their curks one can find the best kind of spiritual read ing to be found outside the

TWO AMERICAN publish ing houses are at work issuing a selected Library of the F time a translated arrew by Cath offe scholars. One of them is walled Ancient Christian Writ e.s. and is published by the New man Book C. Westmin ster Vid. a few of the volumes are already on sair. The other set is called The Mritings of the Fathers of the Church, and a published by the Cima Publishing Co 7 East 44th St. N. its first voiume is now ready. The first set will go to nearly a hundred volumes, the second to 72. Within less than fishe years it is harred to complete these publications.

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We are filled with comfort, joy and a just pride, my dear sons, to see gathered around Us today in secreed range this vast multitude like a surging see whose waves reach as far

complete fixing teaching of the Church in the Holy Scriptures whose author is the Hely Spirit

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Temple of Christianity. As We greet you with fatherly delight, you seem to Us to be tike the embodiment of a cry of gratitude rising from the depths of your hearts to the Lord Omnipotent for the good He has done during the last 25 years through the men of

Catholic Action.

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A rapid glance over the aims of your union is sufficient to indicate this: the religious and moral perfection of the members and their social and civic education according to the teachings of the Church, a deepening of the Christian life and the defense of the liberty of the Church under all its aspects, restoring the Kingdom Christ in the family, school, in public institutions, in every aspect of economic and social

Such a hurned glance at your program is sufficient to bring to mind how much you have had the courage to undertake, carry through and accomplished in a spirit of lively faith, overcoming difficulties and braving discomforts.

YOU'R GRATITUDE to due first to God and then to your leaders, both in the ecclesiasti cal Heirarchy and among the laity above all to Our unforgettable Predecessor Plus XI, the Founder and Father of your organization, and to others, to those who are living and here present as well as 'o those who are dead their names are known to you, men whom the annals of Catholic Action shall ever recall with bonor, and who are described in the three phrases so familiar to you "men of prayer" of deep and interior religious life. men of artion," of untiring activity in the Catholic cause, men of sacrifice," of generous Church and the Papacy

But even more than a wit ness to your gratitude and to your satisfaction at what has already been accomplished, this gathering of yours is a maniinstation of a resolute determination firm as granite, of a readiness for the present and the future which is born of steadfast principles, clear vision and fixed resolve.

Your 25th anniversary is for you not merely on objective at tained and to be consolidated but the beginning of a forward advance towards a horizon far second and broader. Such rea oluteness is really necessary at

JUST FIVE YEARS ago and is the same month of Septem he. We spoke at length about the real man of Catholic Action of his collabo atten in the spiritual revisal of society of his influence on the family on professional Life and on the outside world

The chities We impried of then are for you loday of such greater urgency that I would he difficult in imagine gleater Fach of these de ties and they are far from fers is a press ing one and calls for a conseentious fulfilmert often entail ing acts of 'rue herouse. There

The time for reflection and planning is past; now is the time for tetion. Are you The opposing fronts ready " in the religious and moral fields are becoming ever more clear ly defined the time of the test is here.

The hard variest of which St Paul speaks, is in progress the hour calls for concerted effort. Even a few seconds can decide the vactors. Think of your own Gino Barra i mem ber of Cattor of Action the fire quently wor the coveted cy cling trophs. See that you too. run in this ontest of idea's so as to ain a much more noble palm "So run that too may win" (1 Cor.9.24)

MEN OF CATHOLIC Action what are for you today the most important aspects of this encounter what are the main fields of your activity? deem it Our Duty to indicate briefly five chief points

1) Religious culture. Twep and solid knowledge of the Catholic faith, of its truths, mysteries and divine force. An expression has been invented anemia of the religious life." It resounds like a cry of alarm

This affemia among all classes both among the learned and the manual laborers alike must be attributed primarily to an ignorance of spiritual matters which is a times almost complete. This ignorance must be grappied with extipated and conquered Such a task falls primarily on the clergy, and for this reason We implore Our Venerable Brethren in the Episrepair to leave nothing undone so that priests fully eatisfy

such a grave obligation. But, beloved sons, it rests with you to help the Church in this work. Nourish yourselves, above all, in mind and in heart with the substantial bread of the Catholic faith, of people are condemned to which is offered to you in the

A poore just distribution of wealth is, then, a high social also worthy of your affects. Its mecanical realisation principles of that hadridges as well as groups about the commanders another of athers as they have for the state and needs of athers as they have for their some factors as they have for their some for their some factors are the some their own saids. To be uppe actions of this in your own lives and to make where regime it, is one of the noblest tasks of the men of Catholic Action.

3) In the same spirit another moral ideal must be renewed? loyally and trathfulness in doublage with one another, the consciousness of responsibility for the common good.

As a result of the incredible disturbances of the war and post-war period it is disturbing to wee to what extent fidelity and honcety have vanished in economic and social life.

Such a symptom in this field a not merely an external fault of character, but reveals a serious internal disease, a spiritual poleoning which is also, to a large extent, the cause of that

prayer, of rest, of recollection and reflection, the day of happy

His Holiness Pepe Pius XII is shown immediately fellewing his address in 64. Peter's Square to some \$50,000 men of Halian Catholic Action. Vations police attenspt to hold back the crowd which included 50,000 delegates from all parts of Italy. "The time for reflection and planning is past. Now is the time for action," warned the Hely Father. INP. (NO Photos)

reunion in the intimate circle of the family.

find experience has taught that, for met a few of these who devote themselves to hen-est work during the week, fluxday has became the day of six.

WETH ALL YOUR strength. then, make sure that in your own lives crass materialism, an excess of profane pleasure, and the crudest moral corruption in publications and in shows does not monopolize the Sunday and thereby efface its divine character drawing souls to sin and

Indeed, the result of the struggle between faith and fit credulity will depend to a great extent on the use that each of the opposing fronts will make of Sunday will it be stamped clearly and unmistak ably with the Holy Name of the Lord or will that Name be proferely obscured and neg-

Here a vast field of activity awalia you. Go forth coursgeousty to the work and help to give Sunday back to God, to (brist, to the Church, to peace and to the happiness of

3: The saving of the Christian family. Italy must preserve what has always been proud boast and her strength the Christian moth-Christian education of

youth must be preserved and hence also the Christian school as well the Christian hearth must be preserved that rock on which is raised the fear of God, unbroken fidelity, temper ance, love and peace, and where the spirit of Nazareth dominwhich pervaded the house of Joseph, your heavenly pa-

To save the Christian family is precisely the chief task of Catholic man. Do not forget it: it is on him, on what he is and what he wills, not less than on the woman herself, that the fate of the mother and the Italian family dependa

41 Social Justice. We confirm what only recently We had an occasion of expounding. For Catholics the path to be followed in the social questions is clearly outlined in the doctrine of the Church the blessing of God will descend on your work if you do not swerve in the slightest degree from this path.

You have no need to think out apparent solutions or to gain by facile and empty formulae results that prove only a delusion. What you can and ought to strive for, is a more just distribution of wealth. This is and this remains a central point in Catholic social

THE NATURAL course of affairs, no doubt, brings with it, within certain limits—this is neither economically nor 'socially abnormal an unequal distribution of the goods of the a orid

But the Church is opposed to the accumulation of these goods in the hands of a relatively small and exceedingly rich group, while vast masses superism and to an economic waiting for an understanding

religious anemia.

THE ECONOMIC and financial crists produced by every great calamity has atimulated and quickened the greed for gain which drives men to shortsighted speculation and practices which harm entire populations.

and condemned such dealings by whomsoever perpetrated, and as well all illicit trade, all corruption, all disobedience to the fusi laws enacted by the State for the good of the civic

It is for the men of Catholic Action to collaborate in the cure of this evil by word and by example above all, by their own example and also by their more efficacious influence on public opinion.

We believe that We cannot summarize better these your plans, for the success of which you are already working energetically, than with the motto you have chosen Church, Pam-Work a motto which will vours for the next 25 years of your association and for still longer. In the meantime, at the beginning of this second period impress on your minds the two following counsels:

1) BF GENEROUS of heart. Whenever you meet in the cause of Christ and of the hurch sincere good will, activity intriligence, wisdom whethin your own ranks or outside " e Catholic Action even If they he new but solld forms of the apostolate, rejoice at them to not hinder them; but keep on friendly terms with them and help them as often as verr help is possible and desirable or expected

The needs for which the Church has to provide in the present time are so numerous and urgent that every hand which offers its generous cooperation la welcome.

2) Keep always vivid in your mind and heart the ideal whose greatness is echoed in the dynamic rhythm of your Anthem an ideal of conquest, not merely of detense. No doubt, to protect and consolidate the present forces of Catholicism in your nation is in itself a highly meritorious undertaking.

But it is often said that he who limits himself to remain always on the defensive is losing slowly. In reality, Catholic Action means more than the mere cohesion of the Catholic faithful. Its ultimate aim is to regain what is lost and to advance to new conquesta.

You should not rest content until those groups of educated men and that section of workers, who through mahappy evenia have strayed from Christ and the Church, have found their way back again. DO NOT ISOLATE your

selves, but go forth among the others to reveal the riches of the Catholic faith to those who have been deceived or deluded. At times, it is only misunderstanding or even more often, complete ignorance that separates them fro myon. Not a few among them, perhaps, are

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> THE IMMORTAL YOUTH O the Church shines forth-hou wonderful—especially in grief, She is the "Spouse of Ricod" (cir. Exed. 4.20). In blood, her sons, her ministers are calumniated imprisoned, killed, mansacred. In this twentieth century-

after all the progress in civiliration and after so many protestations of liberty-who could ever have believed possible sucia oppression, so many per-secutions, such violence? But the Church fears not. She wither to be the Spouse of blood and of grief in order to trace in herself the image of her divine Spouse, in order to suffer, to fight and to triumph

Beloved sons, you deales to win men back to Christ and to the Church. To Christ: there was never a man so close to the Redresser through domesthe then in the dealletge of every day life through spiritual union and the divine life of grace, than Joseph, of the stock of David and at the make time a humble marinal laborer. You wish to win men beest to the Church.

St. Joseph is the petrons of the Universal Church. Elow could you fall to choose him as your heavenly Protector? You have unfurted before Us the Standard of your Unfoal We entrust you and your work your trials and your hopes to the paternal love of St. Joseph and also to the powerful intercession of his Spouse, the most nure Virgin and Mother of God,

AT THE SAME time We recommend you and your future to two of your fellow countrymen whom We beatified Last Spring, Contardo Ferrini and Maria Goretti. Contario Perrini to the model of the present day Catholic man.

Marie Goretti has won the heart of the nation, not only of women and young girls but of men and young boys: one resson, no doubt, is that her short life on earth reflects the way of life of millions of good italians, a way of life which is summarized in the three words: Church, Family, Work: however, the chief reason is that she scaled with her own blood her love of Christ and her fidelity to the command ment of God. May the childmartyr obtain for your courage, constancy and victory in this important and decisive

Finally, to the intercession of the Mother of God and the Saints We confide that bless ing for which you all the extire lialian nation and the faceily of mations, are ardenily and anxiously longing-peace; not morely an apparent and juricical prace but a true and just

No reatter how the enemies of the Panacy have distorted Our intentions and Our words -they are also included in Our leve and Our wishes for good -We have always served and We shall serve till Our dying breath the cause of true peace.

Men of Catholic Action, become, soo, champions of this holy cause. To serve the cause of pears is to serve justice. To serve the cause of peace is to serve the interests of the people especially the lowly and dispossessed. To serve the cause of peace is to face the future with a scienc and urpruffied counterance.

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With such scattments We impart in the fallness of Our heart, to you beloved some as well as to all the men of Catholie Action, to your families and to all committed to your ter, Our Apostolic Benediction.

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