

The Preparation

Advent commemorates the preparation for the coming of the Redeemer. We may look upon this preparation from three angles. The preparation of the world, culminating in the fulness of the prophetic message: the preparation of Mary from the Incarnation to the birth of Christ: the preparation of the Church for each succeeding Christmas, including the personal preparation of each individual Christian.

Preparation Through The Prophets

The earliest prophecy was the promise of a Redeemer Americans trust one another to made to Adam and Eve just after the fall. Through the com- treat one another fairly and to ing of Christ the power of the devil was to be destroyed; respect one another's human Christ was to satisfy for man's sin, restore him to his dignity rights, however much they may disagree or differ about one as a son of God, and an heir to heaven.

Through a long line of patriarchs, through four major thing or another. prophets and twelve minor prophets, God's promise was to BLANSHARD, UNLIKE most be developed in details of time and place and world history, Americans, does not trust his until the fulness of time was at hand. The Advent Liturgy fellow-citizens who are Catholics, paints the prophetic penorama with emphasis on Isaiah, He deviates from the general Abraham and David, Juda and the passing of the scepter to good humored American faith a foreign ruler, to mark the time: Bethlehem of the land who can count on one another of Juda to mark the place.

Mary's Preparation

The preparation of Mary for the birth of Christ began of course with Gabriel's announcement to her that she was the Kremlin. to be the Mother of God. For nine months in the quiet of the home at Narareth, in prayer and solitude, broken only twice: once for the Visitation at the home of Elizabeth and once for the visit to Bethichem for the census during which there were Catholics there. So he Christ was been at Bethlehemi.

The Preparation Of The Church

All four weeks of Advent make up the preparation of mindedness and good-neighborlithe Church for the anniversary of Christ's coming, Adam ness that it is equivalent, in its and Hve, Abraham and Inasc and Incob, Issiah and the Minor unusualness, to a main biting a Frepheis, Jeseph and Mary, come before us in the Advent dor. The newspapers, with their office and Mass man-bites dog philosophy of jour-

Every child of the Church finds in the liturgy a rich nalism, inevitably play up Blansource of information on the circumstances leading up to shards frightened misstatements Christ's birth. We use this fund to juice our thoughts and about Catholics and Catholic beto help us know in detail all the manifestations of God's good-liefs. mess that brought us the Supreme Gift of Christmas Day.

Our Proparation

All these days of preparation should direct us as we mony when the country, devilsame for our own Caristman observance. Tinsel and toys ishly menaced from without, IT IS A WARNING that is and other external trappings are all good in their place: but needs unity as never before. Particularly timely to the Japa-our own preparation for the great day should center around I strak OF a "milleniat ap



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Road To Communism

The newspapers operate on the principle that a man biting a dog is big news, whereas a dog biting a man is not.

That is why people like Paul Blanshard are able to get so much attention, and do so much damage to the United States.

Blanshard is an exception to Breig the rule that

to be good neighbors. -

Blanshard, to put it shortly, is GR. O'I suspicious. There is nothing surprising in the fact that he virtually equates Catholics with the

Communists, the Vatican with We know there are Commu-Blanshard has long imagined lumps them together.

THIS attitude of Blanshard's is so extraordinary a departure from normal American fair-

> Greita Faimer Japanese politicians did not learn Swedish in their schools.

Sweden was, in the early thir-Wedges of misunderstanding liberal journalists as a political and of a kind of millenial apprehension are driven between the groups of citizens. Thus grave harm is done to American harother countries.



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(The University of Notro Dame). Did you ever hear of a Catholic

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vinning a convert while immersed in water up to his neck and in imminent dane ger of drowning? That was the unusual experience of Father Abert Koklowsky, Missionary Servant of the Most Holy Trinity, stationed at Maysville. North Caro-

O'Briess I met him while street preaching in the huge missionary parish of the Infant of Prague at Jacksonville. Thither came this husky young athlete of Christ to celebrate at 11 o'clock Mass after having said two Masses in his own widely scattered missions. He is a Trinitarian - a community founded by Father Thomas A. Judge to bring the Faith to the people of No-Priest Land.

Falles

"HOW DID you come to win a convert while you were immersed in the ocean?" I asked. "That's quite a story," Father Free-and-Easy

Albert chuckled. "I can laugh Murder about it now but it was no laughing matter then.

nists under the American bed, was lost A pebble, strategically ready have? After all, it is the school Four of our Trinitation may divert a same?

Sisters came from Phenix City, river in its! NOW IT IS true enough that Alabama, to help Father Matcourse across a Margaret Sanger and the Plan- thew and myself teach catechism continent. ned Parenthood societies of the to the children scattered over an -Millions of

world do not advocate abortion area of fifty miles. souls are en at five months, or at any month. "At Swansboro we had thirtydangered and dangered and But the moral distinction that five white children in our morn-the history of they draw is exactly as weak as ing sessions. In the afternoon, the far East that drawn by the pro-abortion over at Maysville, we had a hun-may be chang- clinics of Swaden and Japan: it dred and twenty-five colored ones

ed because of is all a matter of determining and all of them non-Catholics! the fact that is all a matter of a child we were especially gratified to is justified. see twenty-nine Negro children at

Mass on Sunday. This was the The Church, through her kimfirst time they had ever witnesstory, has answered this pered the celebration of the Holy ennial question with an uncom-Sacrifice. promising: "Nover! Not after

birth, not after conception, not before conception has occured." That is surely a four-seuare. consistent, utterly logical solu-

tion to the matter, and it is based on the fact that a child, long before birth occurs, has we rejoiced in planting in their an inalicastic right to life as

convenience, consider it justifiable conversion story, are you?"

nomic convenience is more im. dren we left Swansboro Bay and

Christ . . .

wanted to reward the kids for

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ten other adults and eighty chil-

headed for a spot where the

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other adults were mostly mothers

who felt they should go along to

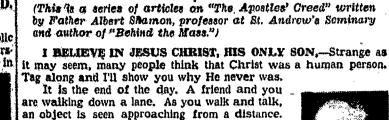
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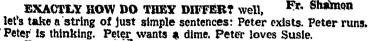
ter Thomas Mary that she had

help us watch the young ones.



that?" By those questions, you are making, perhaps. unconsciously, a distinction that took philos ophers centuries to hit upon—the distinction between human nature and person. Just as "what" differs from "who", so human nature differs from person.

The Apostles' Creed



Every sentence has two parts: subject and verb. Verbs are words that wriggle with action or that simply say a thing is so; .g., the verbs: exists, runs, thinks, wants, loves. What, then is human nature? It is simply the source of all the

activities expressed by the verb of a sentence. As the sun is the source of all the energy in the world, so a human nature is the source of all the action in a person. Peter. exists, loves, thinks and does just because he has a human nature. It follows, therefore, that what a person can do depends on the nature he postesses.

THE MORE ELEVATED THE NATURE, the more developed and the more perfect the activity. Thus the divine nature can do more than an angelic nature; the angelic nature more than a human one; the human more than an animal nature.

So much for humn nature. What now is the definition of person, the subject of the above sentences-Peter? Peter exists. Peter thinks. Peter loves. Peter does.

"We were conducting the re-But notice, we cannot say: existence, thinking, loving, and ligious vacation school that we doing are Peter. Peter is not identical with his activities; rather, nursery adage tells us) the battle shoot one of the children you al. dran unable to attend a Sisters' lover and door

What, then, is a human person? He is the subject of all the activities that spring from a human nature, just as Peter is the subject of the sentence. Person is that which makes the human nature an individual, an individual different from everyone else, an individual who can be named with a noun like "Peter," or a pronoun like "he.

Perhaps contrasting nature and person will clarify the matter. Person is the one who possesses a nature; nature is that which possessed. They differ as possessor from the possessed.

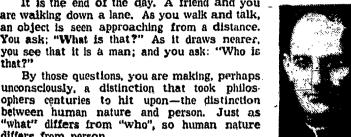
Person is the subject who acts; nature is the source of the action. They differ as driver does from the motor that drives the Car.

PERSON IS THAT WHICH MAKES EACH ONE of us distinct individuals, nature is that which lumps us all into the same class. Because you and I are persons, you are not I and I am not you; but, because you and I possess human natures, you and I are in the same class-human beings.

Person answers the question: "Who are you?" Nature answers "EACH DAY I traveled more the question: "What are you?" We are all different persons, yet than two hundred miles, picking we are all human beings.

up children in the country and Why all this ado to demonstrate the distinction between nature bringing them to the vacation and person? Here is why. Once in history Someone lived on this Why all this ado to demonstrate the distinction between nature school. Some of the white chill earth Who possessed a human nature which was never possessed dren were non-Catholics, too, and by a human person. That Someone was Jesus Christ.

CHRIST WAS NOT A HUMAN PERSON. He was a Divine



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you see that it is a man; and you ask: "Who is

By Rev. Albert J. Shamon

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Christ. He ready to welcome Him on the glad Feast of Christ- prehension." I refer to the fear

Christmas For Our Needy Ones

No Christian should let Christman pass without though for God's needy ones. See that through your parish or by your own plans for Christman all the children and their needy relatives have a proper share in/the good things Christman calls for.

Your thought of these friends of Christ-will surely bring to your own fromide a special grace from the new-Born Serviour.

St. Francis Xavier-400 Years Later

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His Peast cannot be and adding his inforcements. An extension are going to become most "advanced" law on family MY. MESSEN. Who can tell the number of couls he wan to God in far ways of conversions. Do Blanding in the world, steriliza-to a close the present personning of everything religious in his followers expect in is also provided any mother his credentials if he what are they fretting many others because of their able to give a sign. that sourcewing country. The world today names more Rennels Xaviers! God calls

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Samer as an apostle "planned parenthood" or "birth of the Blanshardlive that Protescontrol." For the Swedes have tant liberties might be suppresstried it all out, under government ed if America ever became a Catholic country. They wouldn't auspices, since 1945. And they ought to know. be suppressed. A Catholic Amer-

The Swedish experience is re in any culture or society, is also their faithful attendance by takica would still be American. ported in the Commonweal by a forthright conclusion arrived at But if some of our Protochast Gunnar D. Kumlien, along with from the false premise that eco-Triends cannot believe that, a controversy on this subject why cannot they at least miop now raging in the Scandinavian worrying about M? I call ht a Dress. millimial approxim

In both Japan and Sweden of It is rather like warrying about ficial clinics approve abortions what America will be Mice for economic and miedical real when ninety per cont of the cilicoms are above seven See sons --- indeed, two thirds of the 638,350 abortions in Japan in 1951 were performed by rovern-That prospect, it seems to me, ment grant, according to the

is not much more remote than New York Times." IN SWEDEN, which has the

sanity or disease."

Sermon By Magr. Hart

a child of God.

Some primitive tribes, which

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Sunday

most "advanced" law on family MY MESSENGER Catholic. She had hesitated be-Every messenger must present cause she didn't want to hurt her tion is also provided any mother his credentials If he speaks for mother who was strongly opwho wishes it, and is imposed on God to the people. He must be posed to such a step. "I was in swimming with the

"low intelligence, hereditary in. John the Baptist had spoken kids when suddenly I heard a

mode of this generation. May we hope that love of God and them imagine that all those con-mand for the winning of mode, may send into the priesthood wells, upon embracing the faith, reasons as frivolous as "in-mal into the maximum of mode, may send into the priesthood well suddenly case to be Ameri-and into the maximum of mode, may send into the priesthood will suddenly case to be Ameri-and into the maximum of mode, may send into the priesthood will suddenly case to be Ameri-and into the maximum of mode, may send into the priesthood will suddenly case to be Ameri-and into the faith, reasons as frivolous as "in-creased difficulty in taking her examination for an unmarried christ: "Art thou he that is to farther and farther. Before long Why are Swedish women given as the Promised Redeemer. To and saw Edith, caught in the an abortion under the law? For make his message more convin- strong undertow, sinking. I swam I am hungry, I am sleepy, not my stomach is hungry, nor my student or the dimiculty in taking come: or do we look for an we were more than a mile out divine natures did, was done by God. That is why we say: God was

witnessed when they visited him

"I had no idea, But we could out that John was no ordinary Prophet: indeed, he was more not have held out much longer. than an prophet. He was a Suddenly we saw a shrimp boat special messenger from God approaching and soon we were Here was John's mission, here pulled into it. Father Matthew was the evident divine mission said, we had been struggling in given John by God the Fathert the undertow for nearly an hour My Messenger! And what ale . - but it seemed like a small Messenger! In the desert, in and eternity to us.

The "neurosis" - a ilighting zealous John unged on the people Catholic and never ceases to

name for the women's sense of to do penance: no danger or thank God for giving her the gift that of Dr. Harry Emerson For guilt over having broken the hardship could stop his general of Faith. Who knows, she says, dick. At a Reformation service in moral law-proved a great sur-appeals to the people: no jail but what that was God's way of Buffalo, he pleaded for co-opera-prise to Swedish authorities. But could contain him, no threat of giving me the courage to take

if it's the last. My other conromen who were sent to him May John be a Messenger un verte? Well, I hope to get them MOST REVEREND JAMES EDWARD REARNEY. D.D., President

clinics were married and were pare the way of the Lord: to live mothers, He discovered that economic difficulties were nearly at a holy life as a preparation for a tential converts on land and ways the cause of their raquest, worthy welcome for Christ at His every Catholio can win at least He began asking them, semily coming. one a year if he will really try.

"natures" a divine nature and a human. That is why there is just one answer to Who is Christ-for He is a single person; He is the Second Person of the most Blessed Trinity. "You are not forgetting," I and girl babies an economic in broke in, "about that spectacular But there are two anwers to what is Christ, for He possesses a double nature: He is both God and Man. "No, just setting the stage. We

All this St. John telescoped in the phrase: "The Word was made fiesh," He chose the word "flesh" to emphasize the reality of Christ's human nature and the supreme self-abasement of the Word of God. "Flesh" in the Sacred Scriptures means "man"; for instance, "all fich shall see the salvation of God." In literature such usage is common; we read of "a fleet of thirty sall"; we really mean thirty vessels. "The Word was made flesh." therefore, means "The Word was made man."

But the Word is God, Therefore, God was made man. But what is made, is that which it is made. If bread is made. it is bread; if a watch is made, is is a watch. If God was made man, God is mail.

But one person cannot be called another person. We cannot say: "Peter is Paul." Nor can we say: "God is man"-if God is one person and the man, that He is, is another person. To be true, therewanted for years to become a fore, the statement "God is man" can mean only one thing-namely. that the one Person Who is God is the same Person Who is man.

> THAT IS HOW ONE CAN ARRIVE AT THE TRUTH that Jesus Christ is one divine Person possessing a divine nature and a human one.

By reason of the divine Nature, He could act as God-the seas and the winds obeyed Him. By reason of the human nature, He for Christ, had pointed Him out cry, 'Help! Help! I'm drowning.' Could act as man; He knew hunger and thirst, suffering and death.

But the person is the subject of all activities. For instance I say: body is sleepy. All actions of a nature are predicated of the person.

Jesus Christ is the second Person of the Most Blessed Trinity and so is God. It follows, therefore, that whatever His human or horn. God died, Mary was the Mother of God. and son on.

DID YOU EVER STOP TO THENK of the striking resemblance between man and the incarnate God? Christ is one person (a divine Person) possesing two natures (one that is divine and another that is human).

He has His divine nature by right of being the Son of God, His human nature by being the Son of Mary.

We, too, are persons possessing, as it were, two natures. However we are simply human, not divine, persons; we possess one nature that is human, and we share in a nature that is divine.

By right of birth as children of Adam, we possess the human nature; but, by right of grace, we share in the divine nature,

By grace, therefore, we are very much like Christ. We differ only in personality His personality is divine, ours is human.

The secret of sanchity and perfection is self-denial in the literal sense of the word denying SELF, the human person. "If anyone will be my disciple," said Christ, "let him deny Hill. SELF" his will, his desires as opposed to God's. "I must decrease, He must increase."-I, my human personality. Until, with St. Paul, we can say: "I live, now not I, but Christ liveth in 3006.⁹¹

Only in this way can the dream of Adam come true-the dream of men to be like God!



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one of them. Professor Per Wet death could stop him: he spoke the step! terdal of Sotckholm, saw it as a of the sinful life of Herod, of his "That was the first time I even HE SEGAN TO question and Death came to him, as a martyr water up to my neck," and Fath

adultery with his sister inlaw, baptized a convert while in the

he went back to Him who had or Albert added, "I won't object

for abortions by the government to each of us. To warn us to pre- on dry land."

Yes, there are plenty of po-

He found that most of the sent him as Massenger.

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