

Prophetic Words Another Gift **Avoid All Hazards** The Central Figures

By MONSIGNOR HART

The First Prophecy

The First Prophecy was spoken by God Himself to Adam and Eve. They had just broken His law by eating the forbidden fruit. He was driving them out of Paradise. Hereafter they were to earn their bread in the sweat of their brow. But He promised them a Redeemer who was to come brow. But He promised them a requestive with as children ing out cards which make some again this year presenting where cards and hairs of heaven. The power of the Devil who had kind of reference to religion.

Russia is like the recommendation of the Devil who had kind of reference to religion. was to crush the head of the serpent and he was to lie in be sour or cynical in the Christ Faber's Secrets of the Salats, or lease unto Him depend on us. stick in it." wait for her heel.

Who is the Redeemer? Our Lord and Saviour Jesus time, for that matter. Neither do or Faber's Bethlehem. Who is the Redeemer? Our Lord and Saviour sesus I wish to be gullty of crushing Over eighty modern colored The Theology Of The Spiritual home of the Charles Mezera fam-complished? People are in a rut by between the promise of the Redeemer and His actual comthe smoking flax. ing. The First Prophecy was built up on through Patriarchs, Prophets and Kings for more than four thousand years. Then in the fullness of time the Saviour was to appear, and God am glad that little by little, peo With The Bible Through The from the third edition by Paul: sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law that He ple are gradually getting around Church Year. sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law that He might redeem them who were under the law that we might discourteous, instead of discourteous, to Our Lord Jesus

A perfect every-now-and-then I am not competent to combook for everybody in the family pare it with other books on menreceive the adoption of sons.

The closing days of Advent will place before us the final birthday. prophetic words that will lead us with the shepherds and the angels to the City of Bethlehem, there to celebrate the birthday of Christ.

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The Poor At Christmas

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All men come in for a share of Christmas joy and the poor are numbered among them. Individuals, churches, societies, some fashion to religion. If mot all do their share in helping their less fortunate brethren to Him. prepare a Christmas celebration.

It is a happy thought at Christmas time to join to the name of the most elementary seasonable talks, beginning now (Growth in Holiness, Ch. 24) gifts we make to our friends and relatives a thought also for good manners and good taste — (So hurry!) and extending to the notes that the Holy Ghost Him. to be baptized." those whose chief claim upon us is their poverty. Another to say nothing of the duty which Epiphany, abounding in stories, self may cause distractions in neighbor, represented by the charity that fills our hearts at Christmas time and prompts us to imitate the generosity of

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point out some practical directions which in any indubitable that God uses for this indubitable that God uses for this in a Mission at our church in parish. gift we should add is a definite increase in the love of our men and women owe to God — hints on reading, interpretations order to purify the soul. . . It is at the Mezera home. Almighty God in giving us His only begotten Son.

Vacation Perils

The Christmas vacation will soon be with us and will cards to people who do not share now, this offer the young and old one of the happiest time of all the their faith. year. One thing we would have our people observe is a degree

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sists of "simple pages offered to

of caution. Be careful at all times and seek to avoid anything

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Our Lady of Fating," who asks

All its words have spiritual worked for the ball I wouldn't mind are famed for their laye of sing. that might bring disaster to you or to your friends. Avoid run the purely imaginary risk us for prayers for the land that unction, and I hesitate to handle a lot on the ball. I wouldn't mind are famed for their love of sing. hazards of every kind. A little touch of caution may easily be the means of keeping accidents out of our families.

Make up your mind now that the joy of the Christmas vaeation shall not be marred by any unfortunate accident.

The Christmas Tree

Brighter colors at Christmas find their background in a greeting that ignores Him, and the greenness of the wreaths and the Christmas trees with displays instead a TV anterma, e decorate our homes. There is a chemished symbolism about the Christmas tree that makes it dear to all of us. room alippers, or a choo-choo Other trees come into bloom and thrive in the spring and train, or some similar imbedility. summer season. The pine tree, the tannenbaum, is a joy to I MEAN EXACTLY what I say the eye, not just in the summer time, but all through the cold and the snow of the winter season. The spicy fragrance of the Christmas tree makes it a welcome ornament in our homes at this happy time.

IMEAN EXACTLY what I say also when I assert that the fears cold and the snow of the winter season. The spicy fragrance of these people are merely imag. Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, took issue with Catholic and gave Charlie an envelope imag. Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, took issue with Catholic theme, with an offering in it and asked being the collection.

IMEAN EXACTLY what I say also when I assert that the fears continue was to supply the entire congression. The first step of our program audibly.

After some Sundays of this, we ventured further into the Sanctus and Benedictus and later on into

Nature has given it its own particular form of beauty Christmas cards for years and such a way as to provide tempts for its efforts to give Catholic box. and man has striven through the years to prepare ornaments years, to people of all religious tion for many readers.

There are many legends concerning the Christmas tree.

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There are cherished songs that celebrate its dignity and fit. of us for doing so. There are cherished songs that celebrate its dignity and fitness as part of the Christmas decorations. The tree toys come
in a wealth of glistening colors and send their message into
our souls as our eyes rejoice in their beauty. Presents of the
larger kind go under the tree, walls among the branches
and dolls and candy canes are spread among the branches
with the illuminated angel presiding over all from his position at the top of the tree. What a joy it is just to sit quietly
in the Christmas room and to feast our eyes upon the Christmessage into
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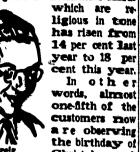
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JOSEPH BREIG

How To Insuit Christ

I see where one greeting card percentage of its Christmas cards



14 per cent last vear to 18 per cent this year.

mas season — or at any other Roche's Bedside Book of Salats, For that priest or that very the bruised reed or quenching drawings, big and little, decorate Life, by, de Guibert, a leading

race is expected to feel compliant already famous for cheerful intended over the fact that 18 per direction into view Catholic many theology, and many more, ancient mented over the fact that 18 per duction into right Catholic man-

of offending some mere human made Mary "the warp and woof it with ordinary ones. Or G.K.C.'s going again." being, or of being thought of its whole life."

Queen of the Seven Swords, "Fine!" excl.

mas cards are an affront to the Russis, both Cathelic and Ortho- prose, The Reed of God. Incarnate Som of God, and I mean it. It is downright insealting to observe His birthday with

sending out exclusively religious may portray immoral conduct in

On the countrary, they think stressed that there could be no "In the world as it is today the grace."

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kind of secret contempt for a Catholic who asserts that Christ is the Son of God, the Sevier of the World - and then observes His birthday with a card that says in effect that Christ is

I CAN SEMPATHIZE WITH able object, but it can never just here. I CAN SEMPATHIZE with able object, "but it can never the here.

The folks who send out pictures lifty as a means to that end the Rightsons indignation or legal lifty as a means to that section isn't shough unless par-

Books For This Season

BY SISTER NARGARET TERESA

(Prefenser of Literature, Namenth College, Rechester, N. Y.) WITH THE BIBLE THROUGHTHE CHURCH YEAR, Bible Stories Retold by Richard Berest, O.S.B. Professes on the Liturgy by Mary Perkins. Himstrations by the Bonodictine Brothers. Pan-theen Books, 1963.

SPIRITUAL STEPS TO CHRISTMAS by Very Rev. Magr. Aloysius Coognus, Brusco, 1953. company has reported that the MY RUSSIAN YESTERDAYS, by Catherine

> THE THEOLOGY OF THE SPIRITUAL LIFE, by Joseph do Guibert, SJ. Sheed and Ward, 1953. (Available at Tucker's Inc., 300 LIFE OF SAINT TERESA, by Padre Silverio. Newman Pr

Books for this season should be rich and spice-laden, rusoand sonn follow your In other full of wonder and heart and gaiety and reverence. It is a words, almost good time to remedy fatigue by reading Maisle Ward's example. You'd chesterion or her Return to

Barrett, O.F.M. Cap.

and modern.

customers raow Chesterten, or Peguy's radical dox, still living under almost in bring you great are observing and uplifting poetry, or Gheon's superable misfortune, and re- peace and happiness." the birthday of Christ by send Catholic Theatre of Rochester is for Russia every time we ex- said Mrs. Stkula, "but since John

the pages of that book any house professor of the Gregorian Uni-80 I WILE, simply say that I would ask for if it could talk, versity at Rome, newly translated

Christ on the occasion of His and every guest, it spreads out tal prayer; I can only say that it

NEW YORK'S Diocesan Direc a less than precise word, Father tor of vocations, Monsignor Coo. de Guibert pinpoints it. I mean to say, what in the gan, writes thirty warm, easy,

My Russian Yesterdays con. ing, try Padre Silverio's St. Ter-said John to her surprise, "to a fy as a homogeneous group.

by their unrestrained pertrays!

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be read in safety by the malest few, so great is the danger to

the virtue of the majority that

Cardinal Griffin Rebukes

Catholic Novelists' Use

Of 'Indecent' Material

Converts Where God Takes Over

Rev. John A. O'Brien, Ph.D "Say did you know that my brother is becoming a Catholic? asked Mrs. Nettie Stluka.

"No," replied Mrs. Lucy Mezera, "but I am delighted 10 hear it. Indeed I'd like to see you and your

Russia is like the poor souls all fallen away. It's easy to get and near-apa-Now I certainly do not warst to make On the Village Square, or in Purgatory—God makes her reinto that rut, you know, and thy at Mass,

well-disposed friend of yours: which took place at the farm - face be ac-Mezera to the need of helping out of it. So it seems, at least.

I am not competent to com- made that a Mission was to be are more than a few — who have two feet wide on your table but is direct, readable, thorough, she at once thought of the Stlu sible but also not as difficult as the structure of the stlu sible but also not as difficult as Aquinas, De Sales, Teresa, the next time, she told her about it, guiding principle has been: "It

> IF ONE OF these indulges in A sample: "Father Faber

EITHER THEY are not thirth, simed at making a Catholic home He permits; but we cannot very October. We'd be glad to have The parish I serve comprises ing at all, or their thoughts are a good place for those who some well say that He positively you and Nettle come with us. about 400 families, many of them governed by cowardice. More day will give themselves to God causes these distractions ... The sermons of the missioners scattered -over 700 and more likely the latter. They are afraid to work for the peace of Christ. to send Christ-like Christmas.

This book is a gift for right cards to people who do not share now, this week: Spiritual Steps pearl or sapphire forever gleam-

I say that irreligious Christithe true Mary-loving Christian Houselander's song of Mary in Nettle in our car. You both will can parishes, are either first gently the true Mary-loving Christian Houselander's song of Mary in Nettle in our car. You both will can parishes, are either first gently the true Mary-loving Christian Houselander's song of Mary in Nettle in our car. You both will can parishes, are either first gently that the Gregorian melody

with us," staid Lucy Mezera, eration and too sophisticated and "and they learned a lot. It was American-wise to want to change, choir sang this Kyrie, while the "and they learned a lot. It was American-wise to want to enange.

good to see them on their knees THE IMISH ELEMENT, once notes in their booklets. Then in prayer. I felt certain some dominant. saw them get down on their the additional handleap of a tem ternately with the choir. And, be-

in their direct relevance to him. it almost impossible for them frightened of as we noted the program of Blessed Pius X and self as an apostie. The Catholic to continue.

Increase in our plate collection, his successors is becoming an actuality in this particular parish—

The Catholic to continue.

The Cat to share in the life of the whole in May and reminded them that And as it was, one of the men and not alone here, but in many Church and to fulfill his part in now it would be possible for volunteered after the first week others as well, though not with them to continue their instruct o write a check for a whole the same methods and by the

would be easier for them to doing so ever since. reach our place and told me to THINGS WENT ON this way done even after six years, and

The presentation of the Cathe to the parents to stem the flood regularly and enjoyed the instructure. olic way of life within the frame of fifthy reading that is reaching structions. When I finished, FaThe next step came after a stara we won't hit the stars, but olic way of life within the frame of fithy reading that is reaching structions. When I firstened, Fawork of faction may be at admir their children, a priest outlined ther Monarski checked on the year of this: now the people were the barn door. Some folks never

her teaching mission.

How To Combat

Indecent Comics

"I was baptized a Lutheran." the Mass. doesn't go to any church, we've tions of silence

Such was the conversation a right - about ily near Bridgeport, Wisconsin, in about the Mass, and it seems September, 1946. It alerted Lucy next to impossible to get them

conducted at her parish church, been making the effort and disligion and how much it has to. But how? The answer I prooffer you."

THE BOOK reminds us to love poems on Our Lady. Or Caryll, lie and I will call for you and these Italians, as in most Ameri-

adequately informed about events soon the bad winter roads made about \$5 a week, nothing to be and its social character, the great

tions. Father Monarski said it year's supply, and he has been same stages.

chism and explained everything point by point, getting used to realized on this side of heaven. chism and explained everything point by point, getting used to Robert Louis Stevenson has reminded us that, if we aim at the

V: Singing Congregations

By REV. BENEDICT EHMANN

(This perior of articles commemorates the golden jublice of "Mote Proprie" letter on Church music issued by blessed Pope Pius X en Nov. 22, 1963. Author of those articles is the Rev. Besselict Ehmann, mattenally known authority on Church Music and paster of St. Mary of the Lake Church, Watkins

With a few exceptions here and there, Catholic congregations have been allent congregations during Mass, at least here in the United States. The Popes of our century have

given orders repeatedly that these silent congregations must aration for Community High be trained to become singing con- Mass.

gregations and be given an active, vocal part in the prayers and charats of After genera-

this family get out of that rut. But there are priests - their When the announcement was number is not legion, but they "This she said, "would be a must be done (the Popes have goal: the Sung Mass is. And at

pose here has been born out of "I'D BE WILLING to go, re- six years trial and effort in my plied Nettie, "but I am sure own parish. I do not propose it John wouldn't be interested. He as a universal solution, because there is surely a high enough degrees. Sometime later John stopped common denominator here to point out some practical directafter their long priming in the

Poles and Bohemians - far from "I went a couple of nights," what the sociology books classi-

ing, that has been absolutely no "Fine!" exclaimed Lucy. "Char- help here - absolutely none. For eration and now too old to from Mass XII. "THEY CAME three nights change, or second and third gen-

thing would come of it when I are in the same condition, with the people to sing the Kyrie, alknees. That's where God takes permental shyness or distaste for lieve it or not, they did -- not

him to put it in the collection the pews, like autumn leaves, and the Agnus Dei. Up to this point, requested them to use them. I that's where matters stand. a time of special grace and it thing at Mass, and there is noth on the Credo with the children, would be a pity to lose that ing better than to follow the all of them from public school.

Rome encourages its use, but requires the permission of the Bishop. This permission was readily granted to our parish by

This continued without further change for a year, and has ever since been the normal procedure

TOURISTS WHO come in the season in great numbers, are captivated by their experience in the Mass here: hardly a Sunday without some of them coming in to voke their enthusiasm over the great unity and solidarity and community spirit they sensed all around them during Mass, Last summer a New Jersey man declared he had never felt so near

heaven in his life. But the Diolog Mass is not the the beginning of the third year of our program, we made our

first step in that direction. We had the people sing the re-Amen and Et cum spiritu tuo, hasn't allowed the children even no two parishes are alike. Yet and later adding the others by

The conversion was not difficult Dialog Mass. By now they were

53, Baden Station, St. Louis 15, Missouri. It has a nice assemblage of all the parts sung by the people, with the Gregorian melody notes written out in modern notation. We were getting ready

For two of three Sundays, the

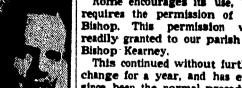
I claim for it no more than its instruct them.

"I took them through the Cate—for a year: nothing vocal, but perhaps the ideal will never be believed as a simply a following of the Mass."

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for Low Masses in this parish. By now it is taken for granted and is well developed.

used 1) to the Latin and 2) to reciting out loud together. We then bought several hundred copies of the booklet Our Sung Mass for placing in the news each time we have community High Mass. This comes from the Pio Decimo Press, Box

