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**19th Centenary Of Assumption?**

New Haven, Conn. — (NC) — The present Marian Year marks the 19th centenary of the death and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, if Father Marion A. Habig's chronology is correct.

In a detailed chronology, published in the May issue of Columbia, Father Habig, a member of the Order of Friars Minor, offers calculations that Mary was born in the year 20 B.C. and died after her 72nd birthday in 54 A.D.

The Mother of Christ, Father Habig said, was 15 years old when Christ was born and 48 years old when Our Lord died on Calvary. She aided and encouraged the Infant Church for 24 years after the Ascension of Our Lord into heaven according to the chronology.

**'Roads To Rome' Reveals Conversions**

New York — (NC) — "Roads to Rome," a new volume of convert stories edited by the Father John A. O'Brien of Notre Dame University has been published here by the Macmillan Company.

**THE LIFE OF CHRIST**  
By BISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN

**THE BEATITUDES**  
**Christ Tells Men To Suffer For His Sake**

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empty, as regards the thirst of the soul. Only God can fill both the cup and him who drinks.

The merciful: The merciful pardon others and obtain pardon; because they need mercy; they show it; while hating the sin, they love the sinner and say: "Father, forgive." Selfishness is hell; mercy is heaven. The world gives back as a mirror what we put into it. As we show mercy, we receive it; as we forgive others, we receive forgiveness. But the Beatitudes do not assume that we will receive mercy because we show it, but rather, because we have received forgiveness of our sins from God, we will be forgiving others. Mercy is a consequence, not the cause of receiving God's Mercy. Our mercy then becomes the effort to redeem, but this cannot be done without sacrifice, as the Life of Christ reveals.

The clean of heart: The pure of heart are those who control all lusts, not as a denial of love, but as a guarding of it until the body can be used as God wills it to be used. The "seeing of God" which is the privilege of the pure, does not mean with human eyes, but with the eye of the spirit. Carnal lusts are at enmity with the spirit. Bad behavior keeps us away from seeing God as does ignorance. Under the slavery of sex, a mind sees nothing straight. As clouds hide the sun, so habits of an unclean mind hide God. Impurity is a curtain on the eye of the soul. There is a reciprocity between light and seeing the heavens, between a clear heart and seeing God.

The peace-makers: Peace is not the absence of war, but the tranquility of order. Order is the subordination of senses to rea-

son, body to soul; reason to faith, the whole personality to God. Peace is not automatic; it is made. He is no peace-maker who has no scourge in his hands against evil, whose love does not hate sin, and who is incapable of righteous indignation. Peace is based not on expediency, but on justice. The peace-maker must fight without ever ceasing to be love. Such peace is first not in nations, but in souls. A peaceful world comes not by legislation, but by inner regeneration. Only he who has the peace of God in his own soul, can give it to others. God hates "peace" in those who are destined for war, and we are all destined for war against sin and evil. Those who make such peace shall be the children of God, the Prince of Peace.

The eighth beatitude about the persecuted, is the summary of the preceding seven. The persecuted are those who know that to follow Christ is to be hated; hogs will say they are dirty; goats will say they smell; wolves will accuse them of stealth. But abuse, scourges, jails, blood-martyrdoms, all these must be accepted as a blessing which bears witness to Christ. The Preacher on the Mount is not summoning men to ease and comfort, but to suffering for His Name's sake.

In these beatitudes, Our Lord takes those eight filmy catch-words in the world: "Security," "Revenge," "Laughter," "Popularity," "Getting even," "Sex," "Armed Might," and "Comfort" and turns them upside down. To those who say: "Strike it rich," He says: "Blessed are the poor in spirit." To those who say: "Don't let him get away with it," He says: "Blessed are the patient." To those who say: "Laugh and the world laughs with you," He says: "Blessed are those who mourn." To those who say: "Never restrain your instincts," He says: "Blessed are the clean of heart." To those who say: "Become popular by flattery," He says: "Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you." To those who say: "In time of peace, prepare for war," He says: "Blessed are the peace-makers."

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