

THE LIFE OF CHRIST Bishop To Confer Degrees On 67 At Nazareth

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Reason Seen In Christ's Death

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because they saw they had lost.
Later, He tells His enemies
that they will not come to recog-
nize Who He is, until He was
been crucified.

"When you have lifted up the
Son of Man,
You will recognize that it is
Myself you look for,
And that I do not do anything
of My own impulse."
But speak as My Father has
instructed Me to speak.

Only after the Crucifixion will
they know who He spoke. The
Crucifixion would not be the last
in the series of failures. It would
be the revelation of His glory,
and would cause a reaction in
men's minds concerning Him,
when they finally had placarded
Him outside of the city's gates.
The Cross and the Crown would
be the truth to the most obtuse
and ignorant man. It is that
which I say. The forecast here
is the conversion of His ene-
mies as a result of His Death
and Resurrection.

Death, World Attraction.
When a man is leading a great
social movement, the worst thing
that can happen to him is to die.
But He said the cross is the con-
dition of drawing men unto Him-
self. If He were merely a man,
the Cross to Him would be His
seal of failure. But as the Eternal
Son of the Father, it would be a
throne. If He were a martyr, His
Death would be defeat, but if He
is God, it will be a victory. If
He were a man, the Cross would
be a repulsion, being God, it
would be a world-wide attraction.

"If the message that He taught
had come only from a man, His
chief emphasis would have been
placed by His followers not on the
Cross, but on the Mount of Be-
attitudes. It is singular that those
who miss His Divine message are
always the ones that insist upon
the Mount of Beatitudes. If He
were only a man, Christians
would have always a well-kept
theater of Calvary, and He
would have stressed solely the
wisdom of the Teacher, and the
majesty of the King. Instead of
this, true Christians boast of that
which must have appeared as a
failure to human eyes.

"Our Lord had come to this
earth and had been tempted in
all the points of His life, and after
having come through the theory of pain,
had died on a soft bed. He might
have been honored as a great
Teacher, but He would never
have drawn men to Himself. Now
he does. He says, 'Follow Me,'
and everything about His suffer-
ings and death, reveal that He
voluntarily committed Himself
to some great task to which His
Father had given Him, and that
task was first and foremost the
delivery of mankind from the
burden of sin. His death was as
the fulfillment of Divine purpose
in which His Will was One with

(that of the Father. His words and
acts are those of One who knows
what He is doing and why He
must do it.)

Representative Obstacles
Men are called to participate in
the fruits of His death. Man's
attitude is not to be passive to-
ward this redemption. The obedi-
ence to His Father's Will is His
own, but since He presents it as a
representative obedience, it is the
obedience which men ought to offer
to God, and which they should
offer, did they fulfill the obliga-
tion of worship. Representing
men, He offers that obedience in
their name and for their sake,
with the intention that they
should identify themselves with
it, and so offer themselves. He
intended that men should partici-
pate in the self-offering and ap-
propriate the power of His sacri-
fice. His redemptive service is
not intended to be a work wrought
apart from men; it is rather a work
into which they are permitted to enter,
in such a way that what He does
on their behalf, becomes a very
vital factor in their approach to
God.

CHAPTER XXIV
How empty and frivolous the
Death of Christ would be unless
human nature in some way was
involved in sin. If we were sitting
on a pier on a bright summer day,
fishing contentedly, and suddenly
saw another man jump off the
pier in front of us into the river,
and as he went down the third
time, we heard him say: "Greater
love than this no man hath, than
he lay down his life for his
friends, we would have found the
whole proceeding quite unintel-
ligible. If, however, we had fallen
into the waters and were drown-
ing, and the man came in and
offered his life to save us, then
there would be meaning to his
death. If human nature had not
fallen into sin, the Death of
Christ would be meaningless. But
He had come as the Son of God
to ransom us from sin in obedi-
ence to the Father's Will and to
restore us to a heritage which was
lost when the Cross became our
glory.

Sacrifice for Others
If we were the only persons in
the world who had eyes to see,
would we not be attracted to the
blind? If we were the only per-
sons in the world who were
healthy, would we not minister
to the sick? If we seek to iden-
tify ourselves with the physical
sufferings of others because we
love them, why should we not be
one with those who are cast
down with moral suffering? If
the more healthy we are, the
more we strive to help them, then
more innocent we are, the more
we should take on their guilt.
Eventually, this would reach a
point where we would sacrifice
ourselves for the other's guilt. A
mother loves her child: If it were
possible, she would willingly take
upon herself all the pains of the
child. The father will take on
the debts of his son, and a lover

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makes her home in Milwaukee,
Wis., with her sister and brother-
in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew
"Fuzzie" Kozal. He is former
Rochester Royal, now associated with
the Milwaukee Hawks base-
ball team. Miss Battle will re-
ceive the bachelor of arts degree
with a major in English.

Approximately half the gradu-
ating class—34 students—will re-
ceive the B.A. degree, 15 with
majors in English, five in history,
five in sociology, four in speech
and drama, three in mathematics,
and two in Latin.

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degree Bachelor of Arts in Fine
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nursing, four for the B.S. in
music education, and two for the
B.S. in education.

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Mary Petrus, Sullivan, R.S.M.

if possible, would take on the
woes of his beloved.

Restored Chalice
Picture a chalice, which only
a priest may touch, stolen from
the altar. It is made into a beer
mug and delivered over to pro-
fane uses. Later on, the chalice
is retrieved, but before it can
be restored to the altar it must
be put into the flames; the cross
burned away. Then it must be
beaten and hammered and re-
fashioned, again from the old
creature of the chalice. Only then
is it fit for blessing and ready for
restoration to the altar of sacri-
fice.

The Pattern Man
Our human nature, which once
was in possession of God's grace,
and which once bore resemblance
to the Divine Nature, through a
free act of our first, its dignity
has been delivered over to
profane and unholy purposes.
sin. Our Blessed Lord came to
this earth and took a human
nature like ours in all things, ex-
cept sin. He made it stand for
us as the head of the new human-
ity, as if He Himself were guilty
for all the sin of the world.
Then He takes the human nature
of our nature and plunges it into
the fire of Calvary to have all the
dross of evil and sin burned and
purged away. After being beaten
and hammered and put into a
grave, He finally rises from the
dead as the Head of the new hu-
manity—the Pattern Man we are
destined to be if we receive His
Spirit. The whole problem of
Christianity then, is how to be-
come incorporated again to this
new humanity in Christ, Who is
the Son of God. That happens as
He said through the sending of
His Spirit so that He will not
be an example to be copied, but
a life to be lived.

CONTINUED NEXT WEEK

St. Andrew's To Graduate 34 Students

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the Evangelist parish, Rochester,
will deliver the Valedictory.

A cordial invitation to be pre-
sent for the exercises has been
extended to the priests, sisters
and religious of the diocese, ac-
cording to the Rt. Rev. Msgr.
Raymond A. Connell, rector of
St. Andrew's Seminary.

THE BACCALAUREATE Mass
will be offered by Bishop Kearney
in the seminary chapel on
Friday, June 4, at 9 a. m., at
which the Bishop will address
the graduates.

Parents of members of the
class will be guests at Mass and
the breakfast to follow. Mem-
bers of the St. Andrew's Society
will attend this Mass as their
regular First Friday Mass and
Communion.

Students to be graduated from
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lows:

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Canandaigua; Bernard L. Carges,
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Geneva; Thomas M. Fisher, St.
Mary's; Elmiria; William J. Flynn,
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ter.

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the Blessed Virgin Mary, Brock-
port; Leonard J. Haefner, St.
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Canandaigua; John A. Lynch,
St. Agualtine's, Rochester; Denis
J. McGuire, St. John the
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Michael J. Murphy, St. Mary's,
Auburn; James A. Russell, Holy
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Sullivan, Blessed Sacrament; Eu-
gene P. Sweeney, Immaculate
Conception, Rochester; Edward
R. Yantz, Sacred Heart, Roches-
ter.

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cuse; Thomas E. Murray, Syra-
cuse; Louis J. Nichols, Endicott;
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