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Caymen's Faith Launches ally Mass Crusade

"Do this in memory of Me," said our Lord on the night and, and there words have been taken to heart a devoted band of Catholic laymen of the Rochester

This week their devotion, mellowed through years of prayer at daily Mass, has won a unique blessing from Year of our Lord, giving these men at the same time a imre to share their devotion and their reward with r fellow Catholics.

This week's front page story of Pope Pius' granting Indulgences for daily Mass attendance is rooted in ana story of Catholic laymen who learned by their own onal religious experience that Holy Mass is a Christian's means. ire of spiritual strength.

Assisting at early morning Masses in their parish these devout laymen were puzzled why more Cathoand not come weekdays for the "golden hour" when the a supreme act of worship is offered at the altar.

As God has His ways of doing things, several of these their blea of forming a "Daily Mass League." They thing, life eternal with him is the not interested in meetings or elections or dues. They whole point of existence. The interested, intensely interested in the Mass. Their "marue" would simply be a way to promote daily Mass atdance among their friends.



"Death never separates mem bers of a family. They will live together for eternity in Heaven." Thus spoke Pope Plus XII as

welcomed Red Skelton, the renowned comedian; Mrs. Skelton; their daughter, and their

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It is the one truth that - makes true laughter possible - the

laughter of joy Breig and of real humor.

How many years of any honest love are enough?

At what point could you say that you would be content never to see your child again-or your are automatically saved. father or mother, or brother or sister, or friend?

Afte a hundred years? Ten thousand? Ten million?

There cannot ever be a moment when any true love can endure ceasing. What each of us wants with every force of our being is permanence. We want eternity. We want God and the company of God's children without end.

WE CAN FACE, although it hurts, temporary separation. What we cannot abide is the blotting out of love and all that love

Were it not for the eternity in Heaven together that is to come, life would be too terrible to hear.

The 82-year-old Pope Pius said to nine-year-old Richard Skelton, "Life is eternal, because of God."

God is the meaning of every-Holy Father told Richard:

"From this time on, life will Suppose your newsboy delivers paper right th **YOU. 1** 7000 now on, you shall live for eterliving room window. Naturally, 13.74 nity." you are irked at the litter of glass and you probably inform Every life is either a holy hour him of your feelings. But then you simmer down, realize he's sooner the holy hour is Degun, only a youngster, you forgive the sooner living becomes purhim, dry his tears, and you're friends again.

Church Doctrine Explained

What Are Indulgences?

This week's announce and a bill to pay for a new ment that Pope lies XII window.

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In the early days of Chris-

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for sinners to make satisfac-

A seventh century church

law states "He who has led

another into drunkenness, shall

do penance for 40 days. If any-

one shall fornicate with a vir-

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full year; if he shall commit

adultery, for four years, Should

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IN MORE RECENT cen-

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A partial indulgence takes

has granted extensive indulgences to Catholics of the Rochester Diocese for attending daily Mass raises a commonly asked question: "What is an indulgence?"

To learn more about indulgences, a widely missunderstood aspect of the Catholic Church, Courier Journal readers could spend a promable lew hours reading about the subject in the Catholic Encyclopedia, or in some other instruc-

tional book on the faith. This article summarizes the chief points of Catholic doc-. trine on indulgences.

Catholics know that God exacts a penalty from sinners who break His laws, just as a government imposes fines on citizens who break civil laws. OUR LORD and Saviour Jesus Christ actually paid the debt for our sins by His life, death, and resurrection. But that does not mean that we We have to do something to deserve to have Christ's re-

deeming action "applied to our account. AS AN EXAMPLE the electric company generates power

and sends the current across the miles to your house, but it's up to you to flick or the switch in order to start your TV. your toaster, or to turn on the light. If you don't turn the switch, you can't blame the electric company for sitting in the dark

So also Christ won for us all we would ever need to save our souls. This "treasury" our Lord entrusted to His Church with the words, "Whatsoever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Some people who know this fact do not realize, however, that even after sins are lorgiven, there still has to be "satis faction" made for them.

Another example might help.

gences, three special conditions must be fulfilled by the person gaining them. So even after confession, we must yet "pay the debt"-part

He must, first of all, be in the state of grace; secondly, he of which is made up for by the must have the intention of gaining indulgences; and finally, he must perform the works and recite the prayers prescribed for the gaining of the individuabindulgence.

> The faithful, therefore, are urged before fulfilling she works prescribed for the gaining of a plenary indulgence, to make an act of perfect contrition.

THE SECOND condition parescribed for the gaining of indulgrences is that one must have the intention of gaining them. It is sufficient that the intention be a general one, which has not been retracted, and may be phrased in some such words as these: "I intend to gain all the indulgences of which I am capable, during may whole life."

The faithful are urged to renew this intention at the beginning of each day, namely, to gain all indulgences possible during "this" day.

THE THIRD condition which must be fulfilled in order to gain an indulgence is the execution of the prescribed works or pravers.

These must be completed in their entirety.

However, if a small part were omitted, for instance, a Hail Mary or so during the not be made. recitation of the rosary, the imdulgence would still be gained.

Added Duties

IN ADDITION to these, however, where the Church grants a plenary indulgence it is orcainarily dependent upon what she calls the fulfillment of the 'usual conditions."

These conditions are confession, Communion, a visit to the church, and prayer according to the intention of the lioty Father.

In order to gain more profit



Our Lord gave to Peter and to the Church power to forgive sin and the punishment due sin. The Church exercises this power by granting 'indulgences' as explained in accompanying article.

Should a visit to a church be required also, another visit aside from that required to receive Holy Communion need

In much the same manner as one confession may suffice for the gaining of many indulgences, so also one Communion is sufficient for the gaining of many indulgences attached to one day, since it is possible to receive only once a day.

The third condition usually required for the gaining of a plenary indulgence is that of a visit to a church. It must be made with the intention of honoring God or His saints, and some mental or vocal prayer recited during the visit.

In order to gain many indu gences, for each of which a attached to public prayer by visit to a church is required, as many visits must be made as there are idulgences to be gained. For this it suffices to step outside the doors of the church for a moment, to reenter and to perform the other prescribed conditions. The final usual condition required for the gaining of plemary indulgences is prayer for the intention of the Holy Father. is known as a "commutation." These prayers are not ordinarily determined, but left to the pious judgment of the faithful. However, when it is matter of gaining a plenary indulgence it is not sufficent that these prayers be said merely mentally, but they must be said vocally, that is: by moving the lips. Formerly the prayers pre-•pravers scribed for the intention of the Holy Father were six Our Fa thers, Hail Marys and Glorys, but it suffices now to say one of each or to recite some other

prayers according to one's discretion and piety.

Special Cases To gain those indulgences

known as "toties quoities" indulgences (to be gained with each visit to the church) the six Our Fathers, Hail Marys and Glorys must still be recited for the intention of the Holy Father.

To gain an indulgence attached to a certain prayer it is sufficient to recite the prayer alternately with a companion or merely to follow mentally while it is being recited by another.

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all you have to do is say the Angelus devoutly. The resulting satisfaction for sin, the Church assures us, will be the same as if you spent 10 years doing penance long ago.

Partial Or Plenary

It is no wonder, Then, that with such a precious treasure at her disposal the Church has been solicitous in safeguarding it and watch ful of dispensing from it with the greatest fruit

to her children. THE FIRST BULE set down

by the Church for gaining in-

dulgences is that of member-

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baptized may gain inclulgences.

For it is by baptism that one

is made a member of the

Church.

The League's organizers talked with parish priests and introduced to other like-minded laymen who managed get to Mass before heading for factory or office. Parish hers of the League were added to the nucleus of ener- or 'a dreidful waste; and the the organization.

The obstacle they met as they urged others to attend poseful and joyful. to morning Mass. So League members discussed this m and thought a noon-time Mass in a downtown church would be the answer.

Father Callens at Our,Lady of Victory Church was willing to experiment with such a schedule, and the results are They are the profoundest of all a standing tribute that such a suggestion was a wise one.

Daily the "Little French Church" is filled with profestional men, elderly shoppers, pert young secretaries, all intent on their greatest privilege - to worship God our heaven- was baptized at birth and died. In Father through the sadifice His beloved Son offered on We had a daughter also who the cross and renews on our altars.

The original hand of organizers are the last to want tears that flowed on the cheeks Pope himself takes recognition of their crusade, we would while a very noble Pope spoke deal of caution. be recreant of our duty if we kept silence.

Deserving of our sincerest congratulations are such men as Harold Coleman, Angelo DiNieri.

Each parish could add other names to these.

Far better, however, than any tribute of ours is the rich reward these devout Catholics have already won from the Saviour who showers His graces to those who "do this" the Mass - as He requested of those who love Him.



Until we have begun to live for eternity, we live foolishly and outside true happiness.

These are not mere pious senrealities, and the only ones that last

My wife and I had a som who was baptized at birth, and died. We know something about the

his comforts to them and their children.

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Sometimes the sorrows recede and ease, sometimes they come forward and are vivid. Always they are there.

In quieter moments, in Lonelier times, they bring us close to

There was a time when the only relief was to turn the mind away lest it break, because every beating of our hearts for a long time had been for those little

ones.

members of a family. They will in China. live together for eternity in Heaven."

of realization, of the super natural.

Daily in prayer we are in a kind of communication with them. They are no less real to us than our five living children. Indeed, they are no less alive, they are more alive because life reaches full intensity and complete fulfiliment only with God in elernity,

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timents or copybook maxims. They are the profoundest of all Read With Caution **Current Stories About Catholic Events In China**

Recent reports about Catholic events in China as retheir names to be singled out for any glory but when the of Red Skelton and his wife ported by secular news agencies need to be read with a good

> One such story featured in many American newspapers THE MEMORIES of the little Chinese Catholics" which pledged Catholic loyalty to the described a newly established "Patriotic Association of ment, and departed, are two sor. present communist regime in China.

> > High ranking clergy and lay Catholics were named as members of the Association.

> > INVESTIGATION TURNS up these facts: Communist Peiping radio broadcasts said the Archbishop of Shenyang was chairman of the "patriotic" group. The broadcast said his name was Ignatius Pi Chou-che.

A Vatican radio spokesman stated that there has never tears even now. But they are been a Catholic Archbishop at Senyang. The Vatican broadno longer, as they once were, bit. cast also said that the prelate named had actually been imter, violent, tearing at the heart prisoned some time ago by the communists precisely because pains that seem beyond endur- he opposed Red oppression of the Church.

> Peiping broadcasts claimed that the new Association proved there could be "co-existence between Catholicism and Communism.'

Newsmen in Hong Kong state that the clear-cut aim of the Peiping government is to eliminate Christianity in China. The new association. they report, is the spearhead of a com-But "death never separates munist drive to break up what is left of the Catholic Church

The communist anti-Catholic program was launched by the Moscow styled government as soon as it took control of MORE THAN THAT, they can live together even here on earth, for such is the power of love and were accused of "spying" and "treason" against the "people's republic."

> The story of the imprisonment and brutal trials of such missionaries as Father Rigney and of just released Father McCarthy are clear evidence the Reds do not want coexistence.

They want "no-existence" for the Catholic Church.

Now that the Reds have either jailed or exiled foreign missioners (both Protestant and Catholic) the communist propaganda mills are grinding out their lies to discredit the native clergy in order to confuse and destroy the confidence of the lay people in their spiritual leaders.

than our boys and girls who are Chinese Catholics are obviously faced with a growing with us. This reality is the joy persecution in the months ahead. Thus far the Catholics that gradually displaces the sor- there have a record of strong faith.

It is for us to recognize their need of our prayers in separations. "Death never sopa- the hour of their trial and to sift the stollies we hear from, rates members of a family," not their Red tormentors lest we ourselves fall for Peiping's lies if they live life's true meaning, about our fellow Catholics,

from the treasury of the Church, each of these conditions should also be clearily understood,

When confession is prescribed in the grant of an imdulgence, the sacrament must be received even though one is not conscious of any mortal sin.

This required confession may be performed within eight days preceding or eight days follow. ing the prescribed day.

Thus the confession of orac who is accustomed to receive the sacrament at least twice a month satisfies for the gaining of all indulgences, and there is no need to receive the sacrament specifically to gain a certain indulgence.

When the reception of Holly. Communion is required for time gaining of an indulgence, thats condition may be fulfilled con the day preceding that with which the indulgence is comnected or within the eight days following.

Making Marriage Click **Parent-School Team**

Needed In Education

BY MONSIGNOB IRVING A. DEBLANC (Director, Family Life Bureau, N.C.W.C.)

A Catholic sociologist who has been challenging old sayings, has recently studied a community and indicated that Catholic children going to a Catholic school were not tuous than Catholic children go by through love, example, authoring to public schools. He could ity, and the power to motivate.

clude that par havior, character, formation, and ents make the action. It is what they are

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succeeeded. And the school teachers who ask parents to help them be better teachers but do not assist parents to be better parents are unfair.

Now more and more schools around the country are inviting both fathers and mothers to spend some time in their children's classrooms. These teachers take the parents through a typical day in class and give them a preview of the courses their children will take. There must be this constant working together.

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elevating their minds with pious sentiments towards God during the recitation of the prayers. In the case of prayers said in private such people need only think of them in their minds or say them with signs or even merely read them with their eves

Those who are impeded from performing the works to which an indulgence is attached may obtain from a confessor what

That is, any confessor who is able to hear such a person s confession may, even though no confession be made, substitute some other work for the one prescribed. For instance, for one unable to visit a church because of sickness or some other justifying reason, a confessor may prescribe certain

This article is based on a pamphlet "How To Gain Indulgences" by Father J. P. Schaefer, C.SS.R., Liguori, Missouri,

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