

What would the Christian religion be if Jesus had not

Baptism would be mean-ingless and pointless, there would be no tabernacle, no forgiveness of sin, no voice of a vicar to speak clearly the truths of the Saviour—there just would be no Catholic Church as we know it today.

Why is this fact of our

Lord's resurrection so fundamentally necessary for our

Jesus Himself gives us the

Ilis resurrection would be decisive and irrefulable proof of His claims to be the world's Redcemer, the very Son of God. He also needed to rise to continue His work and to confer on His Apostles # the power and authority to perpetuate His redeeming

How, then, can we twentieth century Christians know for sure whether or not Jesus did actually rise as He said He would?

The Gospel writers record a parade of witnesses, all unsuspecting and sceptical about the resurrection, and their unanimous testimeny that they found Christ's tomb empty and they saw Him and touched Him and hellowed only because it was impossi-

At the first glimmer of Sunday's dawn, an earth-quake rocked the area near the sepulcher and Jesus came forth resplendent but invisi ble to the Roman guards who stood watch at the tomb.

Then an angel rolled back the stone-wheel which scaled the chest-high entrance way to the burial vault. The angel's vesture, we are told, was whiter than snow and his face dazzled as the sun.

The Roman soldiers, hardened by stern discipline to face any eventuality, were unable to stand up to this turn of events. Half dead with fear, they abandoned their post, ran into the still drowsy city and reported to the chief priests.

. The priests in a hasty council bribed the guards to spread the story that while they slept, Jesus' disciples stole the body away. A strange lie—for if they were asleep, how did they know what happened, and if they were awake, why did they let the disciples get away? Certainly Roman soldiers Certainly Roman soldiers were able to do far more dif-

they could invent in a hurry. This lie therefore, in a backward way, serves as the first testimony to herald the res-

Meantime, while men were frightened, or sleeping or scheming, women, as they usually do in a crisis, went on with the business of living Back in their homes, they prepared the spices ac-cording to the Jewish cus-toms for burial. Friday's hasty burial before the Sabbath began at sunset prevented this ritual at that tii At daybreak Sunday-

ospels are specific about this—they were on their way to the tomb where they thought Jesus lay in death mooftops were still silhou-

etted against the rosy sky of . dawn and on this errand of heult tasks than catch corpse love they were troubled by snatchers. Bad as was the only one thought—who would roll back for them the heavy BLANCHARD'S is o p e n trance? This stone was so from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. during Easter season and Easter Sunday until noon. For the finest slowing of Easter flowers, plants and smart corsages anywhere see Blanchard Florist, 58 Lake Ave. Free parking. Baket 5 9494.—Adv.

stone from the tomb's entrance? Rabboni—My Master?"

Mary's tears and puzzlement are thus our second sten on our journey to faith and that was betten.

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SUNBEAM APPHANCES: Toasters, Mixers, etc. Budget in the risen Lord.

Now it is her turn to run to the city where she tells stone from the tomb's en-

explanation, it was the best Arriving at the tomb, they found the stone already roll I back and the niche where Jesus lay was empty.

The guards were gone; the angel, now in the guise of a young man without the dazzling countenance which terrified the soldiers, told the women, "He is not here; He is risen, as He said."

The women, in a strange mixture of fear and joy, ran back to Jerusalem - except Mary Magdalen, who lingered sadly wondering what had happened. The risen Saylour came to her but; through her tears, she failed to recognize Hi "Where have you laid Him?" she asked, thinking she spoke to the cemetery's gardener.

"Mary!" He said, with all the depth of tender mercy. His familiar voice conveyed. spoke, "Rabboni - My Mas-

'Keep Eyes On Cross' .

stretchers or in wheel-chairs -were received in audience by Pope John XXIII in St. Peter's Basilica. the disciples, "I have seen th. Lord!" St. Mark records, "They did not believe that In their presence, the Pontiff broadcast a message of consolation to the sick and

peared to her." Jesus' beloved disciple, St. John, gives us in his Gospel · his personal recollections of that morning. St. Peler, impetuous as always, was prompily on the run to see to- limself. John, much younger than the Prince of the Apostles, out-distanced him but courteously waited for Peter to enter the tomb

Jesus was alive and had ap-

It was as the Magdalen and the women had said — the t b was empty, the burial cloth neatly wrapped at one, side. The two could not fit the many pieces of this puzzling era into place but they began to know that what they once hoped for was now being realized beyond their most ambitious expectations. These two had no need of visions now; they had faith, and that was better.

SUNBEAM APPLIANCES: to the Jews.

Six Parishes Adopt Total Valican City — (RNS) — More than 4,000 sick persons —hundreds of them on

Easter Rites On TV

WROCTV, Channel 5, Rochester

ceremonies of the Easter Vigil service scheduled in all parish churches late Saturday evening —

Easter morning — Solemn Mass at Holy Redeemer Church, Rochester, Very Rev. Msgr. Joseph E. Vogt, celebrant, and music by the Angel Choir of 100 children — telecast time 10 to 11 a.m.

telecast time 1:30 to 2 p.m.

ful, any kind of physical sub-

fering, forgetting that the only true evil is transgression

against Divine law or mo-

The Pope exhorted his lis-

teners never to take their

eyes from the Cross, and

must-accept "not only with resignation, but also with

love, whatever suffering comes, just as the saints have

Vatican City - Pope John

has ordered complete removal of phrases from Good Friday

prayers considered offensive

they-

never to forget that

'Perfidious'

Holy Saturday - A half hour film on the

Coverage Plan Six pastors announced this week their parishes will in-

augurate 100 per cent subscripinfirm in all parts of the tion to the Courier Journal. New subscriptions begin next "Many," he said, "consider as harmful, absolutely harm-

week with the April 3rd issue of the diocesan paper. ADOPTING the full coverage plan this-week are:

Our Mother of Sorrows par

ish, Greece, Rev. Daniel B. O'Rourke, pastor, 798 subscribers, increase 393; St. Cecelia, Rev. Bermard C. Newcomb, 574 (gain 504); St. Agnes, Avon. Very Rev. Msgr. Patrick J. Flynn, 307 (194); St. Mary of the Lake, Ontario, Rev. John Maloney, 439 (187); Immacu-late Heart of Mary, Painted Post, Rev. Harold F. Rogers total 140; St. Francis, Phelps

gain 78. To Be Omitted RENEWING the full cover-age plan is St. Patrick's parish, eneca Falls, Rev. John P O'Beirne, 618 subscribers, an in crease of 141 over last year's

Rev. Edward B. Simpson, 10

A consplete tabulation of al translated as "perfidious" are parishes will be published in next week's edition.

Washington - A near 5 million pupils are enrolled in U.S. Catholic grade and high schools for a new record

said this total is almost double the number enrolled in

(In the 12 county Rochester Diocese, 50,713 pupils attend Catholic parochial and high schools.

The NCWC Education Department's report listed 4.101-790 purplis in 10.195 Catholic elementary schools and 700.469 dudents in 2,420 Catholic high

The Department did not surey Catholic colleges or semin-ries. This total, known to be over the 300,000 mark, would push the total Catholic school figure well over the 5 million

The Department makes blennial survey in preparation for its convention scheduled to to held this year at Atlantic City, March 30 to April 3.

ALSO INCLUDED in the re-

- The bumper crop of pupils are taught by 97,965 feachers 75,914 Religious and 22,051
- High school enrollments jumped 8,881 since 1956; grade chools, 530,528.

• Compared with a total of 31 million pupils in U.S. public grade and high schools, the latest NCWC figures indicate one every 12 American school children attends a Catholic his post in Washington April school.



Pope's Envoy Archbishop Egidio Vagnozzi, new Apostolic Delegale to the U.S., will leave Maly for



Bishop's Blessing For Your Baby

Parents are invited to bring their infants and preschool children to Sacred Heart Cathedral Sunday, April 5, 3 to 5 p.m. Auxilary Bishop Casey will personally bless each child and present a medal blessed by Bishop Kearney. Mrs. Maurice Cormican shows her 3 year old son David the medal and souvenir card to be given at the Cathedral rite. She heads a committee arranging the program.