

Christ has risen

(Continued from Page 1) to announce to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord."

Peter and John, at Mary's first and startling report about the empty tomb, ran to the spot. Peter was the first to enter the tomb where he saw all the burial clothes wrapped and folded neatly, no longer needed, but he still did not comprehend the mystery at his fingertips.

By night-time, the other disciples had heard these many reports and both wanted and feared to see the Lord risen back to life.

They had locked themselves into a room but "Jesus came and stood in their midst and said, 'Peace be to you'." Angels sang of "peace on earth" when He was born. He had spoken of it as His parting gift to the disciples on that day, "also went in . . . and he saw and believed." He was the first of mankind to understand what God meant to be the pivotal point of Christian faith.

But there was still one who had not yet attained his Easter faith—Thomas. "Unless I see . . . I will not believe."

So the patient Lord, so much more patient than so many of His later disciples would prove to be, a week later came again to greet His disciples with the promise of "Peace." Then He said to Thomas, "Bring here your finger, and see My hands; bring here your hand, and put it into My side; and be not unbelieving, but believing."

Thomas replied, "My Lord and My God!" For him Easter came a week late, as it comes late in life to many still today, but its reward remains the same.

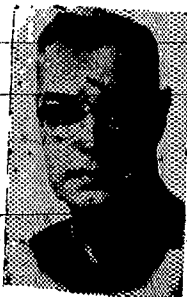
Both to those who see so easily as well as to those who must struggle to have faith, the reward is a ninth beatitude: "Because you have seen Me," Jesus told Thomas, "you have believed. Blessed are they who have not seen and yet have believed."

In this promise, we have as truly a share in Easter's joy as did the Magdalene, Peter and John, Thomas and all the disciples. —Father Henry Atwell

God's Life in Us

By FATHER LEO J. TRESE

The aphorism that "familiarity breeds contempt" is not universally true. What is true is that familiarity can dull our feeling of awe in the presence of grandeur—like the familiarity of persons who live in the vicinity of Niagara Falls or of the Grand Canyon.



Familiarity also can foster a casual attitude toward the most sublime realities, such as the fact that we are sharers in God's own nature.

When we were baptized, God became present in our soul in a most special way. His indwelling is a very real presence, quite distinct from the "God is everywhere" presence by which God pervades the universe.

This presence of God in the soul usually is identified with the Holy Spirit. It is customary to ascribe the work of sanctification to God's love, and the Holy Spirit is God's own living love.

Consequently St. Paul could rightly ask, "Do you not know that your members are the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?"

However, with the Holy Spirit in the soul are God the Father and God the Son. It is actually an indwelling of the Blessed Trinity. Jesus makes this clear when he says, "If any man love me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and will make our abode with him."

By His presence within us, God gives us a new dimension of existence. Sharing with us His own nature, He raises us to a supernatural level of being. If a dog could be given a human soul, with the accompanying power of rational thought and speech, the result would be less stupendous than is our own transformation by the indwelling of God.

This sharing in God's own life, this new reality which is added to our previously natural soul, is what we commonly call sanctifying grace. We do not become "a part of God," much less do we become lesser gods in our own right. But two marvelous things do happen to us.

ONE EFFECT is that all of our free actions (sin excepted) which hitherto were mere human actions and of transient significance, now become supernatural actions in which God actively shares. Assuming that we have the habitual desire and intention to do God's will, all of our actions reverberate through eternity and add everlastingly to our stature in heaven. We are active partners with God, sharing with Him His work of creation and of redemption.

THE SECOND great effect of sanctifying grace, of God's life shared, is that we become capable of seeing and knowing God as He really is. We have the capacity to enter into the torrent of knowledge which is the intimate life of the Blessed Trinity. For the explosive happiness of this total union with God we shall have to await the end of our apprenticeship in this world of time. But

Burma Ousts Missioners

Calcutta—(NC)—The leftist government of Burma, which last year seized virtually all schools run by missionaries, has asked all foreign missionaries who entered the country in 1948 or later to leave.

It was understood here that more than 200 Roman Catholic missionaries, mostly French, are affected by the ouster. Other groups having foreign missionaries here include Anglicans and Baptists.

While Buddhists constitute an overwhelming majority of Burma's 24 million people, the Christian missionaries had financed and run more than half the country's schools until the nationalization decree of two years ago. Catholics, who totaled only 200,000 (.9%), ran 287 schools with a total enrollment of over 80,000. The 49 Catholic high schools and middle schools were taken over on April 1 of last year.

Austrians Aid India

Vienna—(NC)—The Catholic and Lutheran Churches have scheduled a nationwide collection for famine areas of India on April 3. It is the first time the two major Christian bodies have undertaken such a joint enterprise.

An urgent appeal for funds was signed and issued by Franziskus Cardinal Koenig of Vienna and by Lutheran Bishop Gerhard May. They directed that all church bells be rung the day before the collection to publicize the need for money.

ST. ANDREW, Rochester. Holy Name Society meeting Tuesday, April 12 at 8 p.m. Euchre party will follow business meeting. Refreshments.



Mercy in the Holy Land

Sister Marie Therese, a native Arab, gives U.S. surplus food to a crippled refugee in Bethlehem. The Catholic Near East Welfare Association, through the Pontifical Mission for Palestine, can feed a refugee family for as little as \$10 a month. Send your Holy Week feed-family gift to: Msgr. John G. Nolan, 330 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y., 10017.

Food Industry Asked Aid Poor

Providence—(NC)—A Brother who is an expert in food affairs called on the food service industry to develop a "dialogue" with the poor which would meet the moral responsibility of the industry while improving its economic position.

"The industry is in a position to develop an economic dialogue between an expanding commercial field and the poor and needy who exist despite the affluence of our society," Brother Herman E. Zaccarelli, C.S.C., told the Eastern Conference of the Food Service Executive Association here.

"This is good business as well as the highest form of altruism and moral responsibility," the Brother said. "By developing plans and processing centers in economically depressed areas," he continued, "the industry will develop abundant sources of labor while making a contribution to economic stability. This will, in turn, help develop still greater

Father Tavad At Wesleyan

Pittsburgh—(RNS)—Father George Tavad, A.A., a noted American Catholic theologian, announced here that he has accepted a post at the Center for Advanced Studies at Wesleyan University.

The Middletown, Conn., university is a Methodist-related institution.

Father Tavad said he will spend the Fall semester in Wesleyan, and that his plans beyond that point are indefinite. He stressed, however, that he expects to teach on the graduate level. He is now working on a new book dealing with Scripture and Tradition.

The Assumptionist priest, a peritus (expert) at the Second Vatican Council, will leave his post as chairman of the theology department at Mt. Mercy College here. He has been a member of the Mt. Mercy staff since 1959. Previously he taught at Assumption College, Worcester, Mass.

Good Excuse

Leicester, Mass.—(NC)—An altar boy from the Nazareth Home for Boys here begged to be excused from his regular duties March 27 when the recent changes in the Mass were instituted.

Questioned by a priest as to the reason, the boy confessed, "I haven't learned my Latin in English yet."

Easter Greetings advertisement for the Rochester Council Knights of Columbus. Includes a cross graphic and text: 'Christ is Risen' and once again on Easter morn, the miracle of His resurrection brings joy and inspiration. May this Eastertide bless each of us with infinite trust in the goodness of life . . . hope for the future . . . and faith that His spiritual truths will lead us to peace. You are invited to join 'THE KNIGHTS FOR PEACE' make applications for membership in the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 513 Monroe Ave., Rochester, N.Y. Phone CH 4-4140

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