

Some "Inside" Facts About the Catholic Church

(By Rev. Thomas F. Coakley, D.D., finally arrive at the world which we observe now.)

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND EVOLUTION. The Catholic Church has no objection whatsoever to the theory of Evolution in the mineral, plant and animal kingdoms, so long as the primary creative action of God be admitted.

They Believe People Should Be Called by Right Names

"ROMANIST." "Lately I was astonished to hear some intimate Protestant friends, in my presence, say of some of our friends, 'What a Romanist!'"

List of English Converts Contains Many Notables

A great sensation was produced by the conversion to the Catholic faith of Rev. R. H. Benson, son of the late Archbishop of Canterbury, some years ago. Yet, after all, this is not unusual, or special as the following very incomplete list of recent conversions will show.

REFORMATION WAS INTRODUCED BY FORCE

Froude (in "History of England", Vol. IV, p. 207).

Describing the manner in which the English people rejoiced when Catholicism was restored to them under Queen Mary, Froude writes: "The glad news spread like lightning through London, and the pent-up hearts of the citizens poured themselves out in a torrent of exultation."

News Laudatory of Catholic Faith, Practice or Principles, Gleaned from Secular Press

PITTSBURGH DAILIES PRAISE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS. SUCCESS OF CATHOLIC PUPILS. In connection with the Pittsburgh Chapter Centennial celebration, the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania offered for competition eighteen prizes, three to go to each of the grades from the second to the twelfth.

CATHOLICS DO NOT, AS CHARGED, TAKE THEIR RELIGION BLINDLY ON TRUST

By H. C. Hengel, Rector, St. Paul's University Chapel, Madison, Wisconsin. Religion as a history, in science, and even in mathematics most people must depend upon authorities who are experts in their particular line.

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Manly Defense of Sisters of the Good Shepherd

The following sturdy utterances, taken from the editorial columns of a paper published in the interest of the Episcopal church, Omaha, Neb., appear in an A. T. days and are as pertinent now as ever.

"If the Roman Catholic Church is committing any offense against the laws of the land, it will be shown; there is in plain statutory contradiction to our laws and constitution let its conduct be judged by competent authority. If its religious houses be houses of infamy, and its priests and nuns the vilest of the vile, let it be so charged and proved by others than apostates, degraded for drunkenness or licentiousness."

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OUR SUNDAY VISITOR

Issued Weekly by OUR SUNDAY VISITOR... REV. JOHN F. NOLL, L.L.D., Editor...

Father Hussell's editorial will be found on page 4 this week.

IN THE PARISH

By Edw. F. Garabed, S. J., Editor "The Queen's Worker," St. Louis, Mo.

THE SCOPE OF SOLIDALITY MEANS... In his address to the Solidalists of Rome, which we spoke of last week, besides calling attention to the duty of Solidalists to their neighbors...

In a brief paragraph, the Holy Father gives his reason for inviting all the faithful who can do so, and who propose to observe the rules of the Solidality, to enter what he calls "holy militia"...

Readers Speak to Readers

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 29, 1914. Dear Father Noll: I believe it would not be amiss at this time to call the attention of you, and particularly, your large circle of readers to a pertinent question of the hour...

This is particularly true in our large cities. Recently I attended a matinee performance at a local theatre, Sunday afternoon. These matinee performances are advertised especially to attract children, and on the occasion which I attended, the little folk were there aplenty...

"Birth Control" has the centre of the stage right now in Chicago, and producers who exhibit this film must be making a barrel of money, in the language of the street...

A plan in which loving friends in the faith are already interested with me, for successfully placing our literature before thousands of our brethren, who are seeking a livelihood in the theatrical profession...

RALLY, CATHOLIC MEN, TO ENLIVEN THIS WORK.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Nov. 4, 1914. Your "Mother" has, Nov. 4, 1914. With due apologies to the originators of the British war posters, let me repeat, Your "Mother" needs you...

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REV. JOHN F. NOLL, L.L.D., Editor... HUNTINGTON, INDIANA, NOVEMBER 19, 1916.

The Dean of the Medical Department of the Jesuit Medical College, Chicago, has completed experiments which have resulted in the discovery of a cure for Infantile Paralysis.

Senator Shepperd, of Texas, has urged Congress to compile a religious census of the personnel of the Army and Navy. If his recommendation be acted upon, the discovery will be an answer which will put to shame those who seem to entertain doubts about Catholic patriotism.

A Pittsburgh gentleman, whose communication we publish in this issue, suggests an excellent field for Catholic lay activity and zeal. He bares a condition, which obtains in every large city, and one with which Catholic laymen are far better able to cope than the clergy are if non-Catholics only had our opportunity, how they would take advantage of it!

The following from a subscriber is worthy of space in this editorial column. Our readers expect the clergy to stress a practice of this kind, but the advice strikes home with greater force when it comes from a lay person, who discovered the remedy on his lay experiment:

"A few minutes spent in the church each day for a month or more, is one of the most potent factors in overcoming sin and bad habits, and especially some particular form of sin, free from which one would be a model of Christian virtue.

"One who has a particular failing or weakness; a fault that leads to a certain sin, apparently uncontrollable, would be surprised how soon it could be governed by these daily visits to the Prisoner in the Tabernacle.

"The influence for good, while hardly perceptible at first, increases until it becomes as a surging tide. Evil temptations become weaker until they are gone, and instead, there is a feeling of sweet tranquility that is balm to the soul.

"How often one comes from the confessional, filled with religious fervor and a resolute determination to rid oneself of the faults and weaknesses that are reflected in a certain sin and, alas, how often are these resolutions broken, and the same soul, so exhilarated and comforted, later returns in sorrow and penitence to the confessional, merely to repeat, over and over again!

"There is no truer saying, and none more aptly applied in this particular than that we are known by the company we keep. The moulding of our lives and character is greatly influenced by our associations; we unconsciously pattern after them, either for good or evil. What better association and influence could we have in the moulding of our character, or in the reshaping of those cast in an imperfect mould, than that found in the quiet, sacred atmosphere of a Catholic church, which, likened unto the turmoil of the street, is an oasis in the desert?"

"In receiving the impressions and examples which we naturally absorb from our associations, we are, at the same time, influencing others, and there is a grave responsibility imposed upon us, particularly Catholics, in this respect, and we can do a great deal toward fitting ourselves for this task by the short, daily visits to the church.

"They take but little of our time, require little effort, and make it an easy step to the habit of daily communion, so earnestly advocated by our late Pope, Pius X."

Our next issue will be one of our regular monthly special numbers. It will set forth clearly the "Correct Conception of God's Church."

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