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ADVENT.

I grope along this pentecostal passage
Blinded with darkness.
Sleep dulls my heart, but yet,
The night is far advanced
And day at hand.
I cannot walk apart --
Flower, springing from the Root of Jesse, beckon
With your inestimable scent.
For I know the night is spent
And day at hand.
No anxiety mine, nor fear
This voice within me thunders --
The Lord is near!
I hear its violent whispering from the tops
of mountains.
I hear its silent shouting from
The barren hills of nations.
With Isaias I hear and supplicate,
Let the law come forth from Sion.
I dare not hesitate
For day is near at hand
And light is dawning. Behold --
His name shall be called Emmanuel!

Send Forth The Lamb.

"Make strong your limbs; gather up your strength and hasten in the coming of the Lord your God." The dark and holy stillness of the Advent season is upon us, and we must enter into it with a full spirit.

The Advent Liturgy embodies two main themes: purification and anticipation. In it there is a constantly recurring of sin-consciousness, of the necessity to purify the soul before the coming of the Saviour. At Mass, the priest is clothed in the penitential violet vestments, the Gloria is omitted,



the organ is silent, the altar is undecorated. The Church then recognizes the need for penance and mortification during the Advent season.

The Church, however, mercifully lightens our burden of penance by bringing us to the feet of Mary, the one creature whom sin has never sullied. Through Mary we shall receive hope, mercy and encouragement. Advent sweeps us up into its spirit of anticipation and prepares us for the three great comings of Christ: His birth in the flesh at Bethlehem, His coming by grace into our souls and His coming on the last day to judge the world.

The longing of Advent prepares the soul for Christ and His coming, the work of Advent opens wide the door for Him to enter into our soul and into the souls of our brothers in God.

ON THE PAGES OF HISTORY.

In the year from the creation of the world, when in the beginning, God created heaven and earth, five thousand one hundred and ninety nine; from the flood, two thousand nine hundred and seventy seven; from the birth of Abraham, two thousand and fifteen; from Moses and the coming of the Israelites out of Egypt, one thousand five hundred and ten; from the anointing of King David, one thousand and thirty two; in the sixty-fifth week according to the prophecy of Daniel, in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad; in the year seven hundred and fifty-two from the founding of the city of Rome; in the forty-second year of the empire of Octavian Augustus, when the whole world was at peace, in the sixth age of the world, Jesus Christ, eternal God, and Son of the eternal Father, desirous to sanctify the world by His most merciful coming, having been conceived of the Holy Ghost, and nine months having elapsed since His conception, is born in Bethlehem of Juda, having become man of the Virgin Mary.



THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO THE FLESH.

(Roman Martyrology - Christmas Day.)

Regional Newsletters.

1. INTER NOS, the Liturgy publication of the Chicago Region originates at St. Procopius, Lisle, Illinois. This issue is the first of this year and very wisely is devoted to a four page explanation of Liturgy in general and of its development down through the centuries. It is a very fine piece of work and may be procured by writing to John Smith, Liturgy Chairman, St. Procopius College, Lisle, Illinois.

COMING CHANGES IN THE MASS.

(Note. The December issue of the Catholic Digest carries the article bearing the title listed above. The following resume is intended to direct attention to the original article.)

Although no amount of hand clapping can bring about a change in the liturgy, it can indicate its possible direction. So says Walter Le Beau in his informative article "Coming Changes in the Mass" appearing in the December issue of the "Catholic Digest". That is why the ears of the Roman Catholic world perked up upon hearing news of the thunderous response made to certain "veiled recommendations" of the hierarchy at last September's Assisi-Rome International Congress of Pastoral Liturgy.

According to LeBeau's firsthand speculations, the congress provided clear evidence that we are in the midst of a great reform in the Catholic Church. But, because of the fact that no priest, bishop, cardinal or assembly of the same can institute a reform - the change must come from the supreme authority of the Church - no debate or direct recommendations were to be made, and, Gaetano Cardinal Cicognani pointed out the Holy Father's single view of leading the faithful to form one compact union with Christ as their Head; of making the faithful take part in divine worship; of enabling the faithful to live the life of Christ.

First among the "recommendations" held no surprise for the world representative delegation of the hierarchy: the use of the vernacular in the Mass. It was pointed out that 1) Latin forms a barrier between priest and people thereby weakening the unity stressed in Pope Pius XII's encyclical "Mediator Dei" and possibly, resulting in a quasi-cultural separation; 2) the vernacular in the Mass is really nothing new, especially in Missionary lands; 3) the unfortunate distinction between the vernacular as the language of heresy and Latin as the language of orthodoxy arose during the Protestant revolt when the Church, in opposition to the reformers, declared Latin as the official language of public worship; 4) the secondary end of the Mass, that of sanctification and edification of the people, must not be overlooked; and 5) the vernacular would surely make for more intelligent participation and cooperation of the faithful in the Mass and sacraments.

Because of the fact that it would require a Scripture scholar to interpret with any degree of clarity some of the readings we now have in the Sunday Mass, the "recommendation" was made to have a completely new selection of readings, especially of the Epistles so as to allow the faithful to become more acquainted with the Scriptures than they are now.

The question is "When will all this happen?" No definite answer can be given because the Church, by tradition, is slow and cautious in making modifications. According to the author, the need is extremely urgent. For them the change must come soon, very soon.

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Epiphany Kits - Church Unity
Octave Kits.

Liturgy Guide.

Both of these publications will be in the mail in a short time and should reach you before the avalanche of mail starts.

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We are very pleased with the reception accorded to the Liturgy Guide which was issued for the first time this Fall. It contained items for the months of 1956. The second part of the Guide, containing the materials for the months of January to June 1957 will be distributed to all members during December.

NEW ENGLAND REGION.

On Saturday, Dec. 15th at Boston Collge, Chestnut Hill, Mass. the following program will be presented.

- 9.00 a.m. Mass facing the people
Offertory procession.
- 10.30 a.m. New Movements in the Liturgy- The Assisi Conference.
Father W. Leonard, S.J., Delegate to the Conference.
- 12.00 a.m. Lunch.
- 1.30 p.m. Liturgical Art - Lecture with slides -
Father Crone, C.S.P. of Botolph Art Group.
- 2.45 p.m. Student Workshop - the Liturgy and the Laity.
 - 1) The Liturgical Year - Our Lady of the Elms College.
 - 2) The Spirit of the Liturgy - Assumption College.
 - 3) Liturgy in Marriage and Family Life - Holy Cross
 - 4) The Liturgy and the Apostolate- practical applications - Regis College,
- 4.00 p.m. Liturgical Music - Father Beucler - lecture with tapes.
- 4.30 p.m. Demonstration of techniques - hymn taught for Benediction - John Sweeney.
- 4.45 p.m. Benediction - Pius XII Schola- Laymen's choir.

Proposed Study Project.

Study Plans - Notes - Liturgical Season- Sundays in Advent
Christmas season.

- Sources:- The Vine and the Branches - Hellriegel
Le Guide dans l'année liturgique - Parsch.
Vol. I.
- 2) Biblical Reading - Isaias-
God's Herald's - Chainé, pp. 42 seq.
Catholic Encyclopedia, vol. VIII pp.179 seq.
- 3) Study Topic - LITURGY AND THE WORLD.
Liturgical Piety - Bouyer - Chap.19, p.257.
- 4) Exhibit. Advent Wreath
Advent Candles
Christmas Cards.



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On Saturday, Dec. 16th at Boston, the following program will be presented:

8:00 a.m. Mass facing the people.
8:30 a.m. Holy Communion.
9:00 a.m. New Movement in the Liturgy - The Eastern Conference.
9:30 a.m. Father U. Leonard, S.J., Delegate to the Conference.
10:00 a.m. Lunch.
10:30 p.m. Liturgical Art - Lecture with slides - Father Cronin, C.S.P., of Holy Cross.
11:00 p.m. Student Workshop - The Liturgy and the People.
11:30 p.m. The Liturgical Year - Our Lady of the Elms College.
12:00 a.m. The Spirit of the Liturgy - Assumption College.
12:30 a.m. Holy Cross - Holy Cross.
1:00 a.m. The Liturgy and the People - Practical Application - Holy Cross.

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