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LOVE FOR GOD

Talk given on June 26, 1949

Good evening Friends:

All this week we are observing what is known as the octave of the feast, of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, eight days of observance after the feast, for the Church is very anxious for all of us to drink deep from the fountain-head of the love of Christ which is, after all, the one and all important thing in all the world.

We are living in a strange world, or at least there are a lot of strange people in it. We are exposed to all kinds of facts; we have educational facilities such as the world has never possessed before: men of science have made tremendous strides and they have discovered powers latent in the universe which the wisest of men, even a generation ago, did not dream even existed. But with all the new discoveries which are intended to bring comfort and happiness into the lives of the people, we are drifting farther and farther toward chaos and destruction and the very means which are intended to build civilization have within them the seed of destruction. And, the facts that really count, our learned men either refuse to study or they *ignore* them.

Not long ago a group of us listened with rapt attention to a lecture on the midgets of the telephone industry. The information man of this vast industrial empire explained how tiny little instruments can do the most inconceivable things. After explaining, for instance, how the more than a thosuand different little gadgets in the hand-piece of a French 'phone transform the human voice into electronic energy and send it across a continent with the speed of light, and how the voice is again assembled at the other end to make it sound normal a thousand miles away, and telling of a lot of other seeming wonders, he then asked if he might be allowed to take a moment or two to pose a warning, "In Technocrasy and the discoveries of science," he said, "we are really living in the twenty-fifth instead of the twentieth century. All these discoveries of science were intended to minister to the welfare of mankind. But while they were intended to do good, many have used them to do evil. And unless we keep in mind the teachings that were given us twenty centuries ago by the Master these new inventions will not save us, but destroy us."

And so it is, my dear friends, that the purpose of these talks which it will be my privilege to offer you for the next three weeks, will not bring to your attention anything that is new but rather something that is as old as Christianity, and even beyond it. They will deal with the greatest power in all the world, which is not the destructive power of the atomic bomb. but the all-pervasive power of love, which is based on the love of God. Perhaps we are all aware of this, but there still remains the more important matter of putting it into practice. There are two forces in life which spur us on and give direction to men of action. They are the forces of hatred and of love. At present it would seem that the force of hatred has the upperhand. It is the saddest commentary on our day and time that there are those by the thousands and millions who are actually taught that they must learn to hate for only in that way, according to these blind leaders, can the social and economic evils of our day be remedied. But let us not lose confidence. The power of love will conquer in the end, for God is still in His heaven and He is the God of love.

To love God must be the aim and object of every human creature. We were taught as children that the purpose why we were placed here on earth was that we might know God and love Him and serve Him. And we were given the assurance if we did this, then happiness would be ours both in this life and in the next. But why is it that men are so inclined to forget these fundamental truths? They all want happiness. Everyone of us does. But the unfortunate thing is that they seek it where they have no assurance that it will be found. It is true, of course, that those who have never made a sincere effort to know God find it difficult to love Him, for to them God seems a very abstract being, and they have difficulty even to conceive of God being a personal God. They have the mistaken notion that a person must have a body when as a matter of fact what constitutes

a person is that such a being has an intelligence and a free will. It would seem that God must have had in mind these very people when He appeared to St. Margaret Mary and manifested to her His human heart as the *source* of His infinite love for men.

more than nineteen Tt. is hundred years now since Christ walked the earth in human form. He did this so that we, in our human capacity, might have a better understanding of God. Christ is called the Word of God, namely, the outward expression of the infinite mind of God. In His human nature, united to the divine, He worked miracle after miracle, the greatest of them that by His own power He rose gloriously from the dead, in order that through His works we might believe in Him. "If you are not wiling to believe in Me," He said, "believe the works that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me and I in the Father" (St. John 10:38). Hence, those who think that they cannot manifest their love unless there is a human form they might embrace, need only consider the human body of the Son of God made man, for "the Word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth" (St. John 14:14-15).

Christ has told us, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life" (St. John 14:6). He is essentially the God of love. This love was manifested first of all by the Father Who made you and me. Why did He make us? Simply because, being love, He wanted to share with others His infinite happiness and perfection. The reason why many of us seem to have so much difficulty in loving God, and the reason also why we do not love our fellowman as we should, is because we have the wrong conception of what is meant by love. It is not something that we seek for ourselves. It is something that goes out from us to another. Love is diffusive. It seeks an object which it might lavish upon this love and if it is genuine it must be selfless. Love that seeks only its own advantage is not love at all but simply selfishness.

God has given us the perfect example of what is meant by love. He is infinite in all His perfections and needed not anything or anyone to complete His happiness. But just because He is love Itself He willed to create a host of creatures with whom he might share His happiness. He created first the angels and then man. Both the angels and men were given the tremendous power of a free will and then God put them to a test: to choose to do the will of Him who gave it to them, or, to seek their own way, contrary to His will. We all know the result. God did not spare the angels who sinned, but He was infinitely merciful to man. To regain fallen man who had committed the shameful sin of listening to Satan rather than to God, the Son of God became man and, as the God-man, He took upon Himself the sins of men and suffered and died for them. Being truly God, thesesufferings had infinite value. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that those who believe in Him may not perish, but may have life everlasting" (St. John 3:16).

All of God's commandments are summed up in the two commandments of love—"Thou shalt love the Lord Thy God" and "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" (St. Matthew 22:37, 39). It was the answer which the Master gave to the lawyer

who came and asked Him which is the greatest commandment? He was in turn asked: "What is written in the law?" (St. Luke 10:26). The lawyer proceeded to quote these two laws of love which had been given by God to the chosen people even before the time of Christ. And when he had quoted these laws Our Lord told him, "Do this and (St. Luke thou shalt live" 10:29). Here then is the sum and substance of right living, the basis of the relationship which should and must exist between the creature and his God.

But while God loves us and wants us to love Him: and while He wants us to serve Him because we love Him we must not forget that God also told us that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Proverbs 1: 7). It is not a servile fear which would make us think of God as a cruel task-master but a wholesome fear of offending Him and of what it means to us to lose the life of God in our souls. Without the Life of God in our souls it is impossible to live the life of heaven and if we should miss heaven then there is only the alternative of hell. Not long ago the Holy Father in one of his allocutions mentioned the

necessity of preaching about the existence and the nature of hell. Spiritual writers are all agreed that there cannot be a genuine love for God unless there is also a wholesome fear of offending Him. Even those who have dedicated their lives to God in religion meditate frequently upon the possibility of losing God's life in their souls by the commission of serious sin and the consequence of such a fall.

These are the fundamental truths which must guide us in our spiritual life, namely, an intense love for God which will spur us on to action in His behalf and then a salutary fear of offending God. Not only in our spiritual lives are these truths essential, but also in the government of nations.

Without God the deliberations of men can lead only to chaos and destruction. But on the other hand mere lip service given to God is not sufficient. It must be genuine, wholehearted, something that will influence our in all lives its relations with God and with our fellowmen. In order to make this love of God something real and genuine Our Lord Himself appeared to St. Margaret Mary and manifested to her the love of His Sacred Heart for men. blaming not so much those who do not know Him or even those who hate Him, but rather those who give Him only lip service when instead they should love Him with all their hearts. What apparently hurts God more than the hatred and insults of His enemies is the coldness and indifference of those who should be His friends. That is why He said: "I would that thou wert cold or hot. But because thou art lukewarm and neither cold or hot I am about to vomit thee out of My mouth" (Apocalypse 3:16).

What God wants of you and me, my dear friends, is a wholehearted service. He has done so very much for us that He has every right to expect a return from us. And to love God means to think first of His interests and then our own. In other words we must learn to pattern our lives in accordance with His Will. Love of God was the impelling force which made saints of Theresa the Little Flower or a Joan of Arc; love of God is what has given courage to a Stepinac, a Mindszenty or a Beran to accept danger and death.

God did not intend that all of us should lead lives of contempla-

tion or face persecution, but all become saints we must if one day we expect heaven our home. We he can all lead the Christ life. To do this the first and all-essential element is that we have the Life of God in our souls. We call this living in the state of grace. Christ brought His life to earth and it was the reason for His coming for He said "I am come that they may have life and have it more abundantly" (St. John 10:10). We are given this life in baptism which is a rebirth through water and the Holv Ghost. Having been baptized, it is a matter of making this life grow in our souls, for in the exact proportion that we make the Life of God grow in our souls will be our capacity for love and happiness in the next life.

The essential reason for the existence of the church which Christ founded is that through

the Sacraments which Christ instituted and left with His church the Life of God might be given to individual souls. The Sacraments instituted by Christ either give life, or they increase it in the soul, or they restore it, if it has been lost through serious sin.

This then, my dear friends, is fundamental, we must love God if we would have God's blessing on ourselves, our homes and our country. Nothing is ever settled by hatred, for hatred begets hatred and it can lead only to destruction. But love is something positive; it builds and never destroys. It is the only force that can change the world and bring peace and happiness and security to a distracted world. This is God's law and all of us must heed it: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart" and "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

LOVE FOR COUNTRY

Talk given on July 3, 1949

Good evening Friends:

One hundred and seventy three years ago our Founding Fathers issued a Declaration of Independence which made this glorious land of ours free and independent of any other earthly power. During these years America has grown and prospered as no other nation on the face of the earth. For many years it has been the hope and the haven of the oppressed from many lands who came to our shores to seek security and that precious freedom which was denied them in the lands of their birth. On several occasions during this span of years America's sons have spilled their blood to keep us free and united, and to protect us against outside forces bent on our destruction. To safeguard the liberties of others and to share with them our treasured freedoms, our sons have gone across the seas to mingle their blood with that of others whose elemental rights were threatened by cruel tyrants. In every war America has been victorious. Her armed forces backed by a united people have brought our enemies to their knees. But while America has been successful in warfare, she has not been equally successful in those things which pertain to peace. For almost four years since the cessation of warfare, our statesmen and our leaders have been unable to formulate a plan for peace that would be just and lasting.

It should always be remembered that which made America great was not the result of mere human effort but its dependence upon a Power from above. Surely, it was significant that the first public action performed on the part of those who first set foot on our land was a public, religious act. It was the planting of the cross by Columbus and his intrepid explorers. They called the place where they landed San Salvador, Holy Savior. And hence it is that from the very first moment of its discovery America has been dedicated to God.

It was not long after the discovery of America that Catholic missionaries were sent by the church to spread the gospel from one end of the country to the And how far-reaching was their work is evident from the Catholic names which our mountains, rivers and cities still bear as eloquent testimony to Catholic discovery and exploration. The ideal which spurred on Columbus in his trek to the west, as well as the ideal of the missionaries who followed him, was to plant the cross of Christ on an ever-widening horizon and to civilize and Christianize the natives by bringing them under the influence of the cross.

The same ideals which glowed in the hearts of those who discovered our land and those who explored and civilized and Christianized it, was found also in the hearts of those who signed the Declaration of Independence which made America a free land. How differently they thought and acted from those who are carrying the burdens of governments today. There was among our Founding Fathers not one who catered to those who would divorce religion from the affairs of government. There was among them all a sense of dependence upon a Supreme Being which prompted them to recognize the fundamental laws of God in the very preamble to the Declaration of Independence. What could be more significant than these words: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

These are tremendous statements. Our Founding Fathers pronounced them as self-evident. They were not so foolish as to state that these precious rights came as a result of power inherent within themselves, but that they came directly from the Creator and thus they were unalienable, which means that no one has the right to take them away. They must, therefore, be accepted by all the citizens of the land and made the basis of their dealings with their fellowcitizens as well as their dealings with the peoples of other lands.

Again, in the very first amendment to the constitution the framers of the constitution laid down a law that had for its full intent and purpose that of safeguarding the free exercise of religion. This first amendment

reads: "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." One would think the words are clear enough to show that there simply was to be no state religion but that everyone should have the right to the free exercise of his religion according to the dictates of his conscience. But in spite of the clear words of this amendment there have been all sorts of interpretations placed upon Some would have them mean not freedom of religion but freedom from religion. The amendment sought make it practically impossible to have a state-sponsored religion, but it certainly did not mean to withhold encouragement and support from religion.

Church and state thus remain separated, which means that no church is recognized officially as the state church and supported by the government. But on the other hand it certainly does not mean that citizens of the country should be denied their civic rights simply because they belong to a particular church. Yet, time and again there has been an infringement of civic rights, rights which are shared in common with every

citizen of the country, simply because of prejudice and hatred for religion.

We can still talk of freedom of religion in our country but more and more there are godless sentiments creeping into the minds of those who are charged with the welfare and the destiny of our nation. It is the beginning of what has actually happened in country after country where godless rulers now control the nation. Strangely enough they speak of freedom of religion and conscience in those nations, but it is a peculiar kind of freedom. It means freedom to do what you are told to do by a dictator or a group of despots, or take the consequences. They also speak of the separation of church and state but in reality it is the closest kind of union of church state, with the and state in absolute control. Take. for instance, the law which was enacted in Bulgaria on February 17th. Tt. is titled: "A law to guarantee freedom of conscience and religion." In the third article, however, they state very plainly what their brand of freedom This article reads: means. "Every religious denomination must have a Governing Board

responsible to the State. When taking up their posts, all priests. ministers and other officials of the church and Church Organizations must take an oath of allegiance, or sign a solemn declaration of loyalty to the People's Republic." Article 22 says: "No religious denomination or organization may maintain hospitals, welfare centers, kindergartens or similar institutions." These are all to be taken over by the state. Another article states that "no religious body may maintain correspondence with Church Organizations, official persons or other institutions outside Bulgaria without prior authorization by the minister of Foreign Affairs." These are just a few of the laws enacted in Bulgaria and they are a pattern of all the laws concerning religion in those countries behind the Iron Curtain. Thev may call it "freedom of religion" but in reality it is the most abject kind of slavery on the part of the Church to the State.

In country after country, all over the world, the design for the godless conquest of all mankind is following this sinister pattern. It would be the height of foolishness, indeed, to hide

our heads, ostrich-like, in the sand and pretend that these same elements are not hard at work in *our* country. We are past the day when we can say: "It can't happen here" because these things are happening and it is high time that we were doing something about it.

There are two things which every citizen should consider seriously: The one is "What can I do to strengthen our form of government by an insistence that those God-given rights and principles upon which our government rests, be observed conscientiously? They are stated very plainly both in the preamble to the Declaration of Independence and in the Constitution of the United States. The other is: "What can I do, or what am I doing to draw God's blessing upon our glorious land?"

As regards the first it is becoming increasingly necessary for capable and religious-minded people to concern themselves with government. In the widespread indifference of our people to the affairs of government lies our greatest danger. So many are indifferent about the manner in which their government is conducted simply because they are prejudiced against

politics. To them it is a matter of all politics being crooked and they want nothing to do with it. They forget that politics in the true sense is the art and science of government and as such ranks among the most honorable professions to which any man can aspire. As the result of a Gallup poll not long ago it was disclosed that sixty-seven percent of American families did not want their children to 20 into politics, one of the reasons being that they felt the whole field of politics was bad. However, twenty-one percent held that unless people with lofty ideals get into politics our form of government will die. have no one to blame but ourselves if the wrong kind of people are placed in positions of power in the government. First of all we have the ballot, which is used very successfully by minority groups to elect men who are unsuited for the position and can do untold harm to the citizens. The ballot should be used by all to elect men and women who are interested in the welfare of the people. We can get rid of bad laws and bad politicians only by replacing them with good laws and good politicians.

The second and more impor-

tant thing that we can and must do is to make ourselves worthy of God's help and protection and ask this through the intercession of Our Blessed Lady. Conditions in the world have come to such a pass that mere human efforts are not going to solve the problems which confront us. God is still the Master of the universe and men are fools if they think they can guide the destiny of mankind and ignore God's blueprints for the government of the world. For a century and a half men have evolved a series of theories whereby man could live his life without God. systems of government whereby God's controlling power has been ignored. Because of such evil theories we are now living in an age of fear and even the so-called liberals are wondering what we can do to be saved.

We as citizens of the United States have very special reasons to call upon the Virgin Mary to help us work out our destiny, for she has been chosen as the Patroness of the United States under the beautiful title of her Immaculate Conception. That title is very dear to her. Six years before the Church declared the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception as a dogma of faith

in 1854, the Bishops of our country had already petitioned the Holy Father for the privilege of dedicating our country to Mary under this title. And four years later, at Lourdes in France, Our Lady showed her approval by appearing on 18 different occasions to Bernadette Soubirous and calling herself the Immaculate Conception.

Since then Our Lady has appeared on numerous other occasions: at Fatima in Portugal, at Beauraing in Belgium, at Kerrytown in Ireland, at Raffenhofen a little town near Ulm in Germany, at Manila in the Philippines—the latter within the last few months.

In all instances the message she came to give follows

the same pattern—we must pray and pray much and we must do penance so that Christ may reign in the world as the Prince of This, she says, is the Peace. only way out. She is pleading that a sufficiently large number will put their trust in her and her divine Son in order to fulfill her promise of bringing peace to the world. This places a serious responsibility on each and everyone of us for it may be you or me who is retarding the time when a sufficient number shall be enrolled under her banner. As Archbishop Cushing put it some time ago, "Mary is our advocate so long as we repent: she is the Prophetess of our doom if we remain hard of heart and unheeding."

LOVE FOR HOME

Talk given on July 10 1949

Good evening Friends:

There are two kinds of people can change the world: who Those who advocate hatred and those who advocate love. one eventually leads to chaos; the other can lead us happily along the way to the heights above. During the past few weeks we have seen something of what is meant by love for God, and love for country, and now let us turn to love for home where love for God and country must be taught.

The home is the most vital, the most important institution in all the world. Even though is the smallest union of human beings it is, nonetheless, the foundation upon which rests the whole structure of civil society. The home and the family are sacred, and the whole, basis whereby authority is exercised over others is contained in the commandment — "Thou shalt honor thy father and thy mother" (Exodus 20:12). It is not only a commandment whereby we are guided spiritually toward a blessed eternity, but this commandment has attached to it a provision for our welfare here on earth. For God added to the command "that thou mayest be long-lived upon the land which the Lord, thy God, will give thee" (Exodus 20:12). It is in reality the commandment of peace. In order to live our allotted span of years we must have peace, and the foundation of it must be laid in the home where authority, based on the law of God, is recognized.

One of the greatest curses which exists in the world today is the false philosophy that of necessity there must be conflicts -conflicts between classes, races, religions, but above all in the economic order. This perversion of order—peace is defined as the "tranquility of order"—has come about through false interpretation of what is meant by liberty and freedom, and consequently the refusal to abide by the lawful dictates of those who are in authority. Freedom does not mean the right to disobey, the right to reject the authority of God or those with whom God shares His authority. Freedom means the right to

do what God wants us to do. And it requires a lot more courage and stamina to choose to do what God wants us to do than to follow the dictates of our own desires. Respect for authority must be taught and learned in the home, otherwise it will be accepted later only by force and violence. Certainly we have had examples enough in our day that totalitarian forms of government do not foster peace. stead, they destroy both peace and freedom, so that those who have considered freedom as the right to defy God and lawful authority, now find themselves slaves to dictators and tyrants.

As a result of two wars in one generation, and now with the advent of the atomic bomb, which can destroy nations, if not the world, this has become known as the age of fear. While some, as a way of escape, plunge headlong into the pursuit of pleasure, bent on the old pagan philosophy to "eat. drink of Epicurus and be merry because tomorrow vou die," there are many others more rational and more sincere who are looking for a real solution. They have become convinced that mere education will not lead to justice and right living, that governments cannot make people virtuous by force of law, that pychoanalysis alone will not heal a seared and sinful soul. They realize a revolution must take place but that it must take place in the individual. And the place to begin is in the home.

No one need be told that homes and families have been taking a terrific beating for the past few Where God has generations. been forgotten in the home, how can it be expected that He will be remembered in business and government? Where there is no respect for authority in the home, how can we expect it to be honored in society? As are the homes so will be the community, the nation. Moral laws cannot be broken with impunity any more than the physical laws of nature. A man would be a fool to jump off a fifty story building and say that the law of gravity will not affect him. And the man or woman who breaks the moral laws pertaining to the family will reap the whirlwind in ways more disastrous than even physical death. In the family it is not only bodies but souls that are at stake. For years the ratio of divorces to marraiges has been going down and down so that now we have come to the

really frightful point where two out of every five marriages end in divorce.

And then people wonder about juvenile delinquency. Rebellion against the authority of parents, of teachers, of those constituted to enforce the laws, stealing, robbery and above all sins connected with sex, are almost commonplace. Is youth to blame? Surely youth cannot be excused entirely but the burden rests upon parents and above all on mothers who in many instances have failed in their God-given responsibility to teach and to train their children by word and above all by example.

For those who have established homes and are rearing children, and especially for those who are about to marry, to establish homes and bring children into the world, there are a number of fundamental things they should remember if their homes are to be happy homes and truly the foundation of the nation and the Church. There are many books written and widely distributed today about "What Young Married Couples Should Know." The burden of most of them is how to attain the utmost of physical pleasure and how to avoid the primary purpose for which

God instituted marriage. There is something more fundamental about marriage than sex. It plays a vital part, no doubt. But the main objection to such a philosophy is that the physical side of marriage is considered an end in itself rather than a means to an end.

First of all then those who enter marriage should keep in mind that their first and all-important duty is to save their souls. It is in the married state that they must save them. for thev have chosen marriage as their vocation. To many people a vocation, which is the call from God to a particular state of life, means only a calling on the part of a young lady to the sisterhood, or a young man to the priesthood. But the marriage state is a vocation just as well, and the vow made before God by the young man and woman to remain faithful till death do them part is just as solemn and just as binding as the vows made by those who enter religion.

Everyone should make a studied effort to decide what will be his state in life, whether it will be the single state in the world, the religious state of sisters or priests, or the married state. It is not a question of

which is the higher or the nobler state. Each one must ask himself or herself "Which state is best for me to save my soul?" For the nun in the Convent teaching the young to lead spiritual lives or the priest engaged in the active life of the ministry, even though practically their entire life is expended in trying to help others save their souls, when it comes to themselves they are responsible only for their own souls. But it is different in marriage. Because of God's law which makes them two in one flesh, they have an obligation to help each other save their souls.

It has been said truly that husband and wife will save their souls together or they will lose them together. There are exceptions, of course, but it follows naturally from the fact that "the two shall become one flesh." This is one of the reasons why the Church is opposed to mixed marriages. Instead of such parties helping each other in the matter of saving their souls, they may, because of their different religious convictions, make it all the more difficult. Likewise the training of the children is a much more serious problem when the parents do not hold the same religious beliefs.

Besides such couples all too often close the door to the one safeguard, above all other safeguards, for a peaceful, lasting, happy home. That safeguard is family prayer. There was a time when family prayer was the order of the day. Then it fell into disuse and families and family life went rapidly on a downward grade. But the most hopeful sign of our time is that family prayer is again on the upgrade. To the many families which today are reciting prayers and especially the family rosary, the Church and the nation owe a debt of undying gratitude. Their work is to safeguard homes, and homes are the foundation of the nation and the Church.

Prayer, consistent and persevering prayer had become almost a forgotten virtue. When formal prayer was discarded by many, family prayer suffered disastrously. To tell children of three or four, for instance, to make up their own prayers, just simply means they don't pray, certainly they will not form habits of prayer. They must be taught what to say and how to say it. And the example of parents saying their prayers themselves is the best way to teach.

The amount of time given to

God in prayer is very meager even on the part of those who pray daily. Recently some interesting statistics were offered to show how the ordinary person distributes his time. Suppose a person lives to the Biblical age of three score and ten, and discounting the first seven years, here is the way he uses his time—

Three years would be spent in education

Eight years in amusement Six years at the table Five years in conversation Fourteen years in work Three years in reading 24 years in sleeping

And how much time for God? If a person went to Mass or to Church regularly every Sunday and spent five minutes saying his morning prayers, and five more minutes at night saying his evening prayers, he would be giving about five months, during the span of a normal life time, to God.

Let us consider those who habitually say morning and night prayers. These seldom last even as long as five minutes. If they do nothing more than that all the rest of the day must they not face their eternal Judge with practically empty hands? And

yet, those who pray consistently even a little will have a right to expect the Eternal Judge to say: "Well done, good and faithful servant: because thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many" (Matthew 25:21). But, just what will they who have not prayed, have to show for their lives when they will he called to give ลท account?

The reason for communism and atheism in our day is because there are so many, even apparently good people, who practically do not pray at all. To make these people prayer-conscious a new Crusade has recently been formed in England, which has for its sole objective the fond hope of getting everyone everywhere to say at least the Lord's prayer every day. They are planning to spread the idea all over the world.

Not long ago an American reporter in Germany had this suggestion made to her by a Protestant who said: "Let's Fatimize the World." When the reporter was surprised and asked for an explanation she was told—"We have tried everything else. We have lost two wars. The United Nations has not yet succeeded. What is there left? As

for me I am willing to believe that God sent His mother to Fatima to tell us we must do penance and we must say the Rosary. She promised peace on condition that we fulfill her request. What are we waiting for? 'Let's Fatimize the world.'"

The Rosary is above all things else the prayer of the home. Where it is said regularly there is little danger of divorce entering in, or of the other vices so current today, getting a foothold. Just lip service, however, is not a guarantee against sin but where prayer is said devoutly and perseveringly it will root out sin and make homes where peace and happiness will reign. Do you love your home? Do you want to preserve it? Then make family prayer a part of it. No other remedy will safeguard it so securely.

THE PURPOSE OF THE CATHOLIC HOUR

(Extract from the address of the late Patrick Cardinal Hayes at the inaugural program of the Catholic Hour in the studio of the National Broadcasting Company, New York City, March 2, 1930.)

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