

RELIGIOUS BULLETIN.

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The Month.

General Lew Wallace, author of Ben Hur, was not a Catholic. His favorite devotion was the Rosary. He used to take his beads with him to his Protestant church and say them during services. He liked the rosary because of its sublimity and its simplicity.

II.

The Rosary is made up of the prayers we learned from Our Lord Himself, from the Angel Gabriel and from Elizabeth, combined with the Apostle's Creed, the doxology, and the Church's prayer to the Mother of God. The prayer has good ancestors.

III.

It came into existence through a private revelation of the Blessed Virgin to St. Dominic in the time of the Albigensian heresy. It suppressed that bloody work of the devil, and it has been working other miracles ever since that time. It was the rosary, for instance, that kept the faith in Ireland when the Mass was proscribed and there was a price on the head of a priest. It saved Christendom from Turkish domination when it won the battle of Lepanto.

IV.

The family that says the beads together every night is a good family. No lasting harm will ever come to it.

V.

The Church dedicates the month of October to this devotion. During this month all pastors are required to recite the beads and litany before the Blessed Sacrament exposed, and give Benediction. There are numerous indulgences granted those who attend. A plenary indulgence may be gained on the feast of the Holy Rosary, (Oct. 7) for every visit made to the church after confession and Holy Communion.

VI.

The rosary rebuilt the Main Building after the fire of 1879. Father Sorin's devotion to Our Lady (Notre Dame) made him conceive the idea of placing her colossal statue where it stands upon its golden pedestal, a witness of faith to all the surrounding country. She is the mother of all Notre Dame men. Her faithful sons recite the beads in her honor every day during the month of October.

VII.

Tonight, at the Mission, the beads will be said before the Blessed Sacrament. On the succeeding nights of this month this devotion will be held in the basement chapel.

Please.

God always gives us something to pray for. If we don't come to our senses on the Mission we may get a terrible shock. Please don't let this happen.

Prayers: Two students ask prayers for their fathers who are very sick. Ray Hunt offers prayers of thanksgiving for the improvement in his father's condition.

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