
William Lyons Phelps Honors Our Lady.

The famous Yale professor and critic of English literature wrote recently as follows in his syndicated column:

"I shall never forget the first time I entered the Cathedral of Antwerp when I was a young man, and saw Ruben's painting of the Assumption. I was quite aware that his picture of the Descent from the Cross, in the same cathedral, was regarded as superior, but for some reason I was then more impressed by the Assumption.

"Although I am not a Catholic, I always attend a Catholic church on this day (feast of the Assumption). Since 1928, the nearest Catholic church to where I live in August is at Port Austin, Michigan, eight and one-half miles from my home. I go to this church every year on that day to do honor to Our Lady. It should be remembered that the Catholics do not worship the Virgin Mary; they worship only God. But they venerate Mary and pray to her.

"Ian Maclaren (the Reverend Dr. John Watson) author of 'Beside the Bonnie Briar Bush,' said that he was once travelling in Europe, and entered an ancient cathedral. There was an old woman praying, and he knelt beside her. As they came out together, she asked, 'Are you a Catholic?' 'No, madam.' 'Don't you ever pray to the Blessed Virgin?' 'No, my dear.'

'Oh, sir, you are a man and perhaps cannot understand. I am a woman, and you cannot imagine what a comfort it is to have a woman to pray to!'

"Men and women of all branches of spiritual faith might well venerate not only reverently but affectionately Our Lady."

Yes, they might, Professor. Thank you for your noble effort to introduce Our Blessed Lady into the knowledge and love of mankind.

Have you ever noticed, historically, that after people give up reverence for Our Lady, they soon seem to abandon true worship of her Son? The step is logical enough: if Mary is not mother of a God-man, she is mother of an impostor or a fool.

At Notre Dame, A Rendezvous.

All of you Catholics and non-Catholics, lately enrolled in Our Lady's University, should know early of Mary's preeminence in Heaven. She is the Queen-Mother at her Son's court. She is a very particular kind of queen-mother: not in one single little detail has she ever displeased her Son. Imagine her power with Him!

As a beautiful, young girl on earth, her life remained so fragrant that, at God's direction, the angel saluted her, "Hail, full of grace!" Purity, of course, is her shining virtue.

By matriculation you have become, formally at least, her special sons. Mother-like, she wants more than that. She wants to assist you, to protect you, to share in your joys and sorrows, to show you that manly chastity means happiness and high honor.

Her Grotto behind the church is the rendezvous. Visit it often. Pray to her. Live above all so that you can look up to her, night after night, without shame. Then you will enjoy the full vitality of a favorite son of Notre Dame!

Sign Up For Adoration!

Canvassers started last night to cover the halls. It's a big job. Help them by courtesy, promptness, and generosity.

PRAYERS: (deceased) Packey McFarland (Head, Ill. Boxing Commission). Ill, mother of Larry O'Donnell (Walsh); uncle of Mr. Rolwing ('23); Bob Dowling's (Brown.) mother.