

Deceased: mother of Fr.
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Easter Duty.

Gabriel blew his trumpet over Notre Dame yesterday morning. Even the dead arose from their long winter's sleep. More than 2300 stampeded the altar rails for the Bread of Life. Still a few dead heads hanging around though. Wake up and live, my friends, It's springtime.

Sack Cloth.

How is it going? Changed your style of dress yet? Keep the glad rags in moth balls. The sack cloth may irritate your tender skin. But there's only a few more weeks left. Remember, your acts of self-denial aren't mere free-will offerings. Christ warns all of the necessity of doing penance. "Do penance...or....perish."

Religion Joyous.

Penance and self-discipline go contrary to natural inclinations. But this doesn't make Lent a season of gloom.

Almighty God never intended religion to be sad. Religion makes men joyful, free, free with the freedom of the children of God. A traveler's happiest moments come to him when he is on the right road home. That's why the religious man, especially the Catholic, is joyful. His religion, like a mother, guides him, directs all his actions heavenward.

Happiness is a law of nature. All seek it whatever they do. And if it can't be found in religion, as it should be, then, it will be looked for outside religion exclusively, as it should not be. But to live outside the law of God or the State never makes a man free. Is the criminal free who lives outside the laws of the State? If a Catholic is not happy in the practice of his religion, then there's something wrong with him, not with his religion.

So What?

History tells us that when men fail to find happiness in religion, they seek it in worldly substitutes. They forsake the cultivation of their souls, and concentrate all their energy on external activi-

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ties of their business or profession, let us say. Development of personality along Christ-like principles is pigeon-holed for worldly accomplishment. Social position, wealth, popularity become criteria of success; poverty the criterion of failure. Yet Christ chose poverty and made it a sign of his Messiahship. "The poor have the gospel preached to them."

Without religion men still try to reform the world, to eliminate greed and immorality. But religion teaches men to reform themselves first. The world is made better only by making themselves better.

Do not crucify the world with revolution and bloodshed, as the Communist teaches. Crucify yourself by penance and self-denial, as Christ teaches. Then you'll never have to plunge the world into a cauldron of blood in order to purify it.

The Rainbow of Hope.

If there is "more joy in heaven upon one sinner doing penance," then Lent must be a feast day of the saints. The Catholic Church doesn't look upon this life as a pious romance, nor as a gloomy vale of tears; but as a combination of both, joy and sorrow. Combine the sadness of rain and the joyousness of sunshine, and you throw across the heavens of life the glad rainbow of hope, of hope in a promise that a House of Gold, not a Dungeon of Gloom awaits mankind redeemed.

The Way Of The Cross.

Every time you make the Way of the Cross you may gain a plenary indulgence. This is applicable to the souls in purgatory. (Stations in Dillon, everyday, 5:30 p.m.)

Don't Forget

the souls in Purgatory during Lent. If you haven't anyone down there, offer up a few Masses and Communion for the most abandoned soul. Some day you might be the last one on the list.

John Aitkin is still very sick....Pray.