

Wednesday, March 10, is  
the day for making your  
Easter Duty. If anyone...

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...on the campus needs  
encouragement, give it to  
him. Help, help!

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Mr. Chesterton On Confession.

"This paragraph on Confession is, I think, as encouraging as anything you'll ever read. It comes from Mr. Chesterton's Autobiography.

"When people ask me, or indeed anybody else, "Why did you join the Church of Rome?" the first essential answer, if it is partly an elliptical answer, is, "To get rid of my sins." For there is no other religious system that does really profess to get rid of people's sins. It is confirmed by the logic, which to many seems startling, by which the Church deduces that sin confessed and adequately repented is actually abolished; and that the sinner does really begin again as if he had never sinned. And this brought me sharply back to those visions or fancies with which I have dealt in the chapter about childhood. I spoke there of the indescribable and indestructible certitude in the soul, that those first years of innocence were the beginning of something worthy, perhaps more worthy than any of the things that actually followed them. I spoke of the strange daylight, which was something more than the light of common day, that still seems in my memory to shine on those steep roads down from Campden Hill, from which one could see the Crystal Palace from afar. Well, when a Catholic comes from Confession, he does truly, by definition, step out again into that dawn of his own beginning and look with new eyes across the world to a Crystal Palace that is really crystal. He believes that in that dim corner, and in that brief ritual, God has really remade him in His own image. He is now a new experiment of the Creator. He is as much a new experiment as he was when he was really only five years old. He stands, as I said, in the white light at the worthy beginning of the life of a man. The accumulations of time can no longer terrify. He may be grey and gouty; but he is only five minutes old."

"And now the reader turns donor. I set aside the Autobiography to send you \$5, just half of the funds that I will have until the 15th of the month. A man who can write as Mr. Chesterton writes, especially in that last sentence, who has done what he has done for modern Catholicism, deserves a monument as fine as there is in any land."

Bravo! Acknowledgment is hereby made of the \$5 contributed and also of additional donations received during the day: \$2, \$2, \$1.50, and \$1. Please mail all contributions for the Chesterton Memorial Fund to Prefect of Religion, Notre Dame, Indiana; or leave them at 117 Dillon Hall.

Crown Of The Andes Near The Campus.

Today, and from 1:00 p.m. tomorrow, during the afternoon and evening, the famous Crown of The Andes will be on display at Christ the King Church on Dixieway North. This famous crown, valued at \$4,500,000, was carved from a 100-pound ingot of pure Incan gold and contains the oldest and largest collection of emeralds in the world.

The precious diadem was completed in the year 1599 by grateful Spaniards, in honor of the Blessed Virgin, after they had been saved from an epidemic.

A long and adventurous history lies behind the treasure. Blood-thirsty pirates and buccaneers have tried to capture it, revolutionary armies have fought for it, natives from the jungles have tried to seize it. But for years it remained the principal treasure of the Cathedral at Popayan, high in the Andes, in the southern part of Colombia, South America. Last summer it was purchased and brought to the United States. It comes to Christ the King Church as a personal favor shown by the owner to Father Coreoran, the pastor.

PRAYERS: Ill, brother of Um. Kramer (St. E.); father of Jack Freedy (Howard); aunt of Ralph Passanno (Lyons). One special intention, thanksgiving.