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HOLY YEAR PILGRIMAGES.

On May 25 the Holy Father spent practically the whole day receiving pilgrims. In the morning the series began with 700 Spaniards, led by the Bishop of Vittoria and accompanied by the Spanish Ambassador. In the Sala Ducale were waiting the French pilgrims, 200 from Coutances and 600 organised by the Comte de Notre Dame du Salut. The evening was reserved for the Canadians, led by the Archbishop of Regina and the Bishops of Prince Albert, St. John, Chatham, and the Vicars-General of Quebec, Regina, and Chatham. To them the Pope spoke of the wonderful progress of the Faith in their country in recent years, adding that he could find no greater praise for them than the name "Canadian Catholics." The Pope also received the pilgrims of Roumania with their bishops. These same Roumanians had held a Pontifical Mass in their own Eastern rite, with celebration, in the choir chapel of St. Peter's that morning over the body of St. John Chrysostom.



THE CHURCH IN MEXICO.

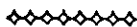
Word has been received by the *Revista Catolica* here (says an El Paso message, under date June 25) of the magnificent ceremonies held in honor of the solemn consecration of Mexico to the Holy Ghost.

A special programme had been arranged by the members of the committee appointed by the Archbishop of Mexico, Mgr. Moray del Rio.

On the vigil of the Feast of Pentecost, a solemn vigil was held by the members of the Association of Nocturnal Adoration. From nine o'clock until half past eleven hymns were sung by the Orfeon Groups of the Conciliar Seminary and at midnight Pontifical High Mass was celebrated by Dr. Maximiano Ruiz Flores, Titular Bishop of Derbe and Auxiliary of the Archdiocese of Mexico City. The sermon was preached by the Right Rev. Pascual Diaz, S.J., Bishop of Tabasco.

On Sunday, Pontifical Mass was celebrated by Mgr. Moray del Rio, Archbishop of Mexico, and Bishop Diaz again preached the sermon. Following the Mass the Archbishop read the act of consecration. The Blessed Sacrament was then carried in procession and remained exposed all day.

Similar ceremonies were held in all the other churches in honor of the consecration.



A GREAT CATHOLIC CEREMONY.

A very unusual collection of sacred relics is being shown at Aix-la-Chapelle in Germany during these weeks (says a press message under date June 25). Significant alterations and restorations have been made in the Cathedral, and the Catholics of the city are preparing for the monster fete which will be formally inaugurated on July 9.

This is the first great ceremony held of its kind at Aix since 1909, and all are filled with eager anticipation of the events which are to take place.

The Cathedral is known throughout the world for its beauty and magnificence and is

unsurpassed in historic interest. Forty German kings have been crowned within its venerable walls. Here lie the remains of Charlemagne and Otto III, and no other edifice in Germany has such a large and varied collection of sacred relics.

The choir of the Cathedral has been repaired especially for the festival, and a large frame has been installed for the exhibition of the relics. The choir has the largest windows in the entire world, and the effects of light admitted through them and mellowed and deepened by mosaics and stained glass effects is truly wonderful and inspiring.

On the first day of the fete the shrine of St. Mary will be opened. Here the most important relics will be exhibited. Many bishops and prelates will attend the ceremonies, and the sick and infirm will receive special blessings by touching these hallowed objects.

The exercises will come to a close on July 26 with a great procession through the streets of the city.



APOSTLES TO FOREIGN LANDS.

The Institute of Foreign Missions at Milan in an interesting resume of its work since the foundation, tells of the first vocations to far fields which germinated within its walls.

In 1846 Father Vistarini di Lodi, a priest for seven years past, left Milan for Ceylon. The lively impression of his zeal and virtues caused many other missionary vocations to fructify. Afterward two other priests went to the Ceylon mission, Fathers Casinelli and Mola.

Mgr. Ramazzotti obtained the Pontifical approval of the new Institute and thus the College of the Missions entered upon its great career.

The lives and virtues of holy men who devoted their time and talents to the work in those early days has made fragrant all its subsequent history. Among these were Father Alessandro Ripamonti, the first Procurator of the Institute, Father Giuseppe Marinoni, first Director, Father Paolo Reina, and others almost if not equally as well known and zealous.

The first religious Rules were published in two editions, in 1850 and in 1851, in order to make the Institute known to those who aspired to a missionary career and to promote its interests among the faithful. These rules, needless to say, were the fruit of long observation and experience. During the succeeding years they have been followed faithfully by numbers of zealous and noble-hearted missionaries who have gone forth from these hallowed surroundings to carry to the far ends of the earth the torch of Christ's truth and the light of His doctrine.



CATHOLIC PHILIPPINE CONGRESS.

An event that is considered of momentous importance not only to the Church in the Philippines, but to Catholicism throughout the Orient, was the Catholic Philippine Congress recently held at Manila (says the *Irish Catholic*). Catholics throughout the islands rallied so strongly that, where 200 delegates were expected, more than 600 came. All

seven bishops in the archipelago lent their utmost support, and clergy and laity were welded into a working unity amid the most remarkable enthusiasm. High civil officials in the Philippines addressed the Congress, and out of it emerged the nucleus and plans for a federation of Catholic associations with definite and aggressive programmes in virtually every direction of Catholic life. Commentators freely call the Congress the greatest resurgence in recent decades toward the active Catholicism planted in the islands three centuries ago. Irish missionaries, especially Redemptorists, are hard at work in the Philippines.

The Philippines is the only Catholic country in the Orient. Out of this great expression of a will to better the Church here is seen growing in the future a militant missionary spirit that may spread the faith over the entire East. The Congress is seen as an awakening of an entire people to a divine mission, and the first expression of an eager spirit to restore the flame of faith here and then carry it forward. Archbishop O'Doherty, formerly Rector of the Irish College, Salamanca, opened the first plenary session, after three days of sectional conferences, with an address on the great importance of the Congress. He also read a cablegram to the Holy Father informing him of the undertaking and asking his blessing, and a reply in which His Holiness congratulated the people of the Philippines on their splendid enterprise, and bestowed abundant blessings.



IN THE HOLY LAND: INTERESTING DISCOVERY MADE BY THE FRANCISCANS.

The Franciscans of the Holy Land, who had in their charge, among other Holy Places, the Garden of Gethsemane, some time ago made a remarkable discovery.

The Fathers have a convent in the Garden of Gethsemane, at the foot of the Mount of Olives, and were making excavations for a new chapel, which is to be erected in the Garden of Christ's Passion. During the process of digging the Fathers came upon the remains of a medieval church, whose existence seems to have been entirely unknown.

Following the discovery came another still more interesting. In pursuing these excavations among the foundations of the medieval church the Fathers found the remains of a church that dates back to the fourth century.

These earlier remains are evidently well preserved, for it has been possible to make out the whole of the original design of this ancient church. Some of the original mosaic pavements were also uncovered.

The foundations of the fourth century church extend beyond the Garden of Gethsemane, or at least beyond the limits that come under the jurisdiction of the Franciscans, and so other interests are concerned in the total uncovering of the church.

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