



Quiz

1. What did the 300 soldiers of Gideon not wear in their battle against the Midianites?
2. Who prayed in the belly of the fish?
3. To whom was Zipporah married?

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„Because GOD loves man above everything, He gave him the free will!“ (Sword-Bishop)

„The happiness of life lies in the act of prudence, through which man rules himself and others.“ (Thomas Aquinas)

„It is better to be silent and be real than to talk and not be real. To learn is good if indeed you do what has been said.“ (Ignatius of Antioch)

The Sword-Bishop extends his heartfelt gratitude for the many congratulations on his birthday!

With cordial regards I say goodbye again,

Brother Paula



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Monthly Letter

Salvation

A wise man is he who targets a situation determinedly and is able to put first things first. But what question makes all other questions of secondary importance?

One day, the Emperor Otto III visited St Nilus, who lived in Calabria as a hermit. The monarch, delighted by the Saint's kindness, said goodbye to him saying: „Ask me for anything you desire, I will give it to you.“ At this, Nilus put his hand on the chest of the illustrious visitor and replied: „I only ask you for one thing: remember the salvation of your soul.“

On 6 October 1986 the Pope said in Ars: „The word 'salvation' is one of the oft-repeated words of the parish priest of Ars. What does it mean to him? To be saved means to be freed from sin, which estranges you from GOD, makes the heart dull and threatens to cast us out from GOD's love for ever, which would be the greatest misfortune.“

This terrible possibility of eternal damnation is brought home to us by JESUS CHRIST in numerous passages of the Gospel.

Now it cannot be that the infinite wisdom only spoke in such a way as to frighten us; but behind the pictures of the "lake that burns with fire and brimstone" (Rev. 21,8), of the "cup of GOD's wrath" (Rev. 14,10) and many others a reality is hidden, a horrible reality, which should set us thinking. Nevertheless, these pictures are unable to conjure up the whole horror of this place of torment (see Luke 16,28). The fear of hell is a grace for which we ought to pray.

MONTHLY LETTER



JESUS CHRIST has come down from Heaven for the sake of our salvation, was crucified – died, as the Creed teaches us. He took on our pains ... He was pierced for our sins, bruised for our transgressions ... The FATHER has laid upon Him the iniquity of us all. (see Isaiah 53,4-6)

Also Mary, the Mother of GOD, fears the fatal consequences of sin for us. When she appeared to the children in La Salette on 19 September 1846, she said to them: „If my people is not willing to submit, I am compelled to release my SON’s arm.“

Catechism

By what sign does the Catholic Christian mainly profess his faith?

The Sign of the Cross

If you are travelling across Turkey, you will not see a cross for miles around. For most Turks are Muslims and do not believe in JESUS, the crucified SON of GOD.

Nevertheless, here and there in a Turkish city you can still see a house with a cross on top of it. Then it is a Christian church. The cross is a Christian sign. If now a person of other or no faith asks us: „Why do you venerate the cross in such way that it has become your symbol?“ we give the following answer: „Because JESUS CHRIST, our divine Redeemer, died on the Cross.“ Everything that comes into contact with GOD will become holy, such as the manger, such as the holy robe, such as the cross. In the old days the cross was in dishonour. It was considered an exceptional disgrace if someone had to die on the cross. But since our Redeemer took the cross as His deathbed, the cross has been holy. The cross is holy also for the particular reason that JESUS’ death took place on the cross for us, because our whole religion was founded on the cross. Because CHRIST’s death on the cross opened Heaven for us.

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Serial Story

The Son of the White Chief

Dear children

When Otto’s dear friend, Chief Eagle Eye, was dying, he stood by his side. The noble Huron breathed his last in his arms. With tears in his eyes the grey Blackrobe made a simple, fervent speech at the grave of the friend of his youth for the children and relatives of the deceased.

Finally his last hour had come, too. – Otto lay on his poor bed, peace and happiness shone out from his dying eyes. The room was crowded with his red children, who overwhelmed with sorrow looked at their departing father. The littlest ones knelt right up front, praying and weeping. With a trembling hand he blessed them all for the last time.

And when the Angelus bell sounded from the little church, when the evening sun brightly and warming sent its last rays into the room of the dying man, he peacefully passed away.

As they prepared his body for the funeral, they found under his cassock the wampum-belt with the JHS-sign. He had been wearing it ever since in grateful remembrance of the moment when he was allowed as a young boy for the first time to hold the SAVIOUR in his hands. Many of his fellow priests from Quebec came flocking to the Blackrobe’s funeral, also the governor came with his officers. The Hurons paid him their last respects that are due to a deceased chief. But the most beautiful respect for him was the large swarm of Huron children who, sobbing and praying strewed flowers over his coffin and said goodbye to their good father, who had so dearly loved them.

His grave was beside Eagle Eye’s. A plain and simple stone cross decorated the hill of flowers, on it the words:

P. Otto de Montmagny SJ, Okaristi-Onta
Deceased 10 august 1698 R.I.P.

Next month there will be a new exciting story. Enjoy!