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## WHY CATHOLICS TELL THEIR SINS TO PRIEST

Famous Paulist, Father Healy, Explains It to An Alexandria Congregation

## "WHY AM I A CATHOLIC?"

Christ Gave to the Apostles, Who Were Men, the Power to Forgive Sin, Just As They Preached and Baptized in His Name.

Every seat in Francis Xavier's Catholic Church, at Alexandria, was taken up on the night that Father Healy, the famed Paulist Catholic Priest, delivered a sermon on "Confession," on Saturday night of last week. The Alexandria Town-Talk gives the following synopsis of his sermon: The Rev. Father Healy delivered the lecture of the evening. "Confession" was his theme. He began by reciting these words from the twentieth chapter of St. John's gospel: "And when He said this, He breathed on them and said, 'Receive ye the Holy Ghost. Whose sins ye shall forgive, they are forgiven them; whose sins ye shall retain, they are retained.'"

Father Healy spoke in part as follows: "The great objection of non-Catholics to the Catholic doctrine of confession is that 'no man can forgive sin.' Yet here we find Christ giving to the apostles, who were men, the power to forgive sin. There is no escaping the plain words of Jesus Christ. Though they were but men, Christ conferred on them the power to pardon sin, just as He gave them the power to preach and baptize, always, of course, to be exercised in the name of Christ, just as they preached and baptized in His name. "Second, that power was not to die with the apostles, but was to be transmitted to the church of God forever. For it is a power that has to do with the sanctification and salvation of souls and every such power given the apostles was to last in their successors to the end of time. "The power to baptize and the power to preach did not die with the

apostles. Neither then did the power to forgive sin, which was given by the same Christ, to the same apostles, for the same end.

"Third, that power implies, necessarily, the confession of sins. For the power is judicial, that is to say, it leaves open to the apostles two alternatives, either to forgive or not to forgive. Now it is absolutely impossible that they should know which of these two alternatives to exercise unless the state of the soul be disclosed to them. In other words without confession that solemn conferring of an extraordinary power becomes meaningless and worthless.

"The sinner is to the law of Christ what the criminal is to the law of the land. The criminal judge, who has power to acquit or convict, must hear the case. So the apostles, the criminal judges, as it were, of the offenders of Christ's law, must 'hear the case.' They cannot know the case unless the sinner reveal the condition of his soul.

"It matters not what I personally may think is the proper way of obtaining God's pardon; if Christ has chosen to impart forgiveness for sin through the action and decision of His apostles and their successors, I must have recourse to them. Christ gave the power to pardon to the apostles, who were men, and certainly he meant that power to be used by them. "The Catholic believes in praying to God for forgiveness, but at the same time does not dare to ignore the power conferred on His apostles by Christ.

**ABOUT ITS ANTIQUITY.** "The best proof of the apostolic antiquity of confession, and the most efficacious answer to the curiously un-historical charge that confession was an invention of the thirteenth century is the fact that heretical sects which broke off from the Catholic unity in the early fifth century, sects like the Nestorians and the Eutychains, still retain confession—proof that they practiced confession before their separation from the church; for of course they would not have adopted in later ages any doctrines of the church then spurned.

"But the mere confession to a priest of one's sins does not secure forgiveness. The Catholic penitent must also be heartily sorry for all his sins; he must be firmly determined to do his best to avoid these sins in the

future; he must make restitution in cases of injustice and reparation wherein any harm to others has been done; he must do some work of penance for his sin, and only on these conditions can he obtain absolution."

Father Healy then answered a number of popular objections to confession. He ridiculed the accusation that confession was an "invention of Roman priestcraft." He argued that the result of confession was beneficial from the spiritual and natural point of view.

Spiritually, confession is, he said, a most powerful help to the one who seeks to reform from a sinful life. It provides a check to the passions, it offers an occasion of self-examination and self-reproach, and "if it does seem to be humiliating at times so much the better; it purifies the soul as fire cleanses the gold."

Even from the natural point of view, said Father Healy, confession has much to recommend it. It answers to a natural craving of the human heart, which can not endure the burden of its secrets, but must have a human confidant, a sympathizing friend, an advisor—one to whom it may tell even its sins. In illustration of this point, Father Healy referred to Hawthorne's two novels, "The Scarlet Letter" and "Marble Faun."

## NEGROES FOR NEGRO CITY.

Boley, Oklahoma, A Negro Colony Pure and Simple—Many Louisiana Negroes There.

An exchange is authority for the statement given below:

A large party of negroes passed through Shreveport the other day en route to Boley, Oklahoma, the negro town, where they will make their future home. Boley is a negro colony pure and simple. It has a negro mayor, negro city council and even all citizens are of African blood. White people are not allowed to remain in the town or to stay over night, one report saying there is a sign reading, "White man, don't let the sun rest on you here." The party is not the first of its kind that has left Caddo parish for the negro town, the movement having been under way for several year years past.

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U. S. Land Office at New Orleans, La., October 2nd, 1908. Notice is hereby given that John Baptiste Guidroz, of St. Landry Parish, La., who, on May 2nd, 1906, made Homestead Entry No. 2721, Serial No. 6845, for 6½ of 64 of section 6, township 7 south, range 6 east, Louisiana Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Commutation Proof to establish claim to the land above described, before Clerk of Court, at Opelousas, La., on the 15th day of November, 1908.

U. S. Land Office at New Orleans, La., October 3rd, 1908. Notice is hereby given that James W. Banton, of Beaver, La., who, on July 19, 1907, made Homestead entry, No. 4788, Serial No. 6886, for n¼ of 64 of section 12, township 3 south, range 1 west, Louisiana Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Commutation Proof to establish claim to the land above described, before Yves Andrepont, Clerk of Court, at Opelousas, La., on the 15th day of November, 1908.

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## PROCLAMATION.

State of Louisiana, Parish of St. Landry. By virtue of the authority in us vested by law and in accordance with the Proclamation of his excellency, J. Y. Sanders, Governor of aforesaid State, an election is hereby ordered to be held by the qualified electors of St. Landry Parish in the said State on Tuesday the 3rd day of Nov., 1908, between the hours of 10 in the morning and 7 in the afternoon for the purpose of electing the herein after named officers.

**FIRST WARD.** Precinct 1, Opelousas, at Courthouse. Commissioners: H. D. Littell, M. P. Stagg, B. A. Guidry; clerk, Henry Las-trapes, Jr. Precinct 2, Plaisance, at Vidrine's store. Commissioners: Frank Vidrine, Adolphe Guillory, O. A. Durio; clerk, Avariste Dupre. Precinct 3, Bellevue, at School House. Commissioners: Frank Dimmick, J. M. Ware, Robert Wilkins; clerk, Lee Wilson.

**SECOND WARD.** Precinct 1, Grand Coteau, at Judge Smith's office. Commissioners: Jos. A. Sibille, J. J. Barry, Valery Guilbeau; clerk, Numa Meche. Precinct 2, Conlee Groche, at Louis Sibille's store. Commissioners: Gaston Sibille, Triville Lege, Frank Gautreaux; clerk, Alexis Guidry.

**THIRD WARD.** Precinct 1, Leonville, at Robin's store. Commissioners: Frank Quebedeau, Theophile Spyrer, John Boudreau; clerk, Armstrong Smith. Precinct 2, Nolleville, at Devillier's store. Commissioners: G. C. Devillier, Louis Maurette, Roman Dupre; clerk, Adam McBride.

**FOURTH WARD.** Precinct 1, Bayou Courant, at Richard's store. Commissioners: Robert Gordon, N. M. Richard, Frank Anderson; clerk, R. H. Gordon. Precinct 2, Melville, at town Hall.

Commissioners: Geo. L. Havard, Frank Able, P. Payton; clerk, Banks Cason. Precinct 3, Waxia, at School House. Commissioners: Dan Kimball, H. B. Taylor, Edgar Dejean; clerk, Thomas Duhar. Precinct 4, Palmetto, at Wesley Budden's office. Commissioners: Mack Savant, R. W. Clark, Wesley Budden; clerk, A. D. Hawkins. Precinct 5, Big Cane, at Godcheaux's store. Commissioners: Claude Jackson, W. C. Hindspeth, T. C. Foote; clerk, Leroy Havard. Precinct 6, Morrow, at Clopton's store. Commissioners: L. R. Hanks, W. B. Clopton, J. J. Scott; clerk, W. F. Clopton.

**FIFTH WARD.** Precinct 1, Washington, at Town Hall. Commissioners: Isaac Goetz, Jos. Beal, T. J. Miles; clerk, E. C. Hebert. Precinct 2, Garland, at Goetz's store. Commissioners: Isaac Goetz, Jos. Beal, T. J. Miles; clerk, E. C. Hebert. Precinct 3, Whiteville, at Savant's store. Commissioners: Alec Stagg, Isaac Stagg, John P. Savant; clerk, H. C. Milburn. Precinct 4, Bayou Prairie, at School House. Commissioners: Theo. Doucet, Arthur Robert, Louis Desholts; clerk, Alcide Vidrine. Precinct 5, Barbreeck, at Milburn's store. Commissioners: Levy Campbell, J. O'Quin, Leon Campbell; clerk, J. H. Bairdridge.

**SIXTH WARD.** Precinct 1, Dossmann, at Dossmann's store. Commissioners: Thurston Robery, B. S. Dossmann, Robert Helmer; clerk, E. E. Guilliamin. Precinct 2, Lake Cove, at Church House. Commissioners: J. C. Causey, Harvey Johnson, J. S. Causey; clerk, Chas. Dupuy. Precinct 3, Beaver Creek, at Morris School House. Commissioners: Octave L. Fontenot, T. S. Sealey, Thos. Morris; clerk, Y. L. Fontenot. Precinct 4, Bayou Chicot, at Sam Haas' store. Commissioners: H. D. Courtenay, Henry Erlich, Robert Kelly; clerk, L. J. Derbes. Precinct 5, Pine Prairie, at Pine Prairie Hall. Commissioners: Wm. Clark, M. L. Fontenot, H. C. Campbell; clerk, Pat Donahy.

**SEVENTH WARD.** Precinct 1, Lone Pine, at Smith & Co's store. Commissioners: D. W. Base, T. S. Walker, A. E. Calcoete; clerk Dan Wilson. Precinct 2, Upper Mamou, at J. J. Landreaneau's store. Commissioners: Nums Guillory, M. J. Reddell, J. C. Vidrine; clerk, Gus Miller. Precinct 3, Point Grand Louis. Commissioners: Othuph Fusilier, Green Lambert, Hebrard Landreaneau; clerk, Ergogene Guillory. Precinct 4, Mamou, at Valcourt Ardoin's. Commissioners: B. T. Marshall, Drew Seley, Jule Reed; clerk, Adraeste Vidrine.

**EIGHTH WARD.** Precinct 1, Faquatique, at Theo. Rozak's. Commissioners: Ed. Dardeau, Alex. Reed, Peter Savon; clerk, Jos. Fusilier. Precinct 2, Lower Mamou, at Dejean's. Commissioners: A. H. Mouton, Boreston Lafour, Theo. Sanders; clerk, Arnold Rougeau. Precinct 3, Mallet, at C. N. Bertrand's. Commissioners: S. J. Gosselin, C. T. Bihm, Emile Lattolais; clerk, Willie Bihm. Precinct 4, Plaquemine, at A. Dejean's. Commissioners: W. C. Dejean, Z. T. Carey, Sr., A. W. Dejean; clerk, John Childs. Precinct 5, Eunice, at Eunice Drug store. Commissioners: Ernest Miller, J. L. Lacombe, J. W. Bacon; clerk, Dudley Berwick.

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