Ministry of Reconciliation

ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Scripture—Acts 26; II Corinthians 5—6.

By Alfred J. Buescher

The imprisoned Paul was brought before Festus, the governor, in the presence of King Agrippa and his sister Bernice, to make his defense to the Jews' accusations that he was a pestilent agitator.—Acts 26:1-3.

He himself had been a devout Jew of the strictest party. Paul said. As such, he had opposed the followers of Christ, imprisoning them, punishing them in the synagogues and helping put them to death.—Acts 26:9-11.

Then he had seen a heavenly vision of the risen Christ, which had commanded him to preach Christ so others might receive forgiveness of sins and be reconciled to God. For this the Jews seized him.—Acts 26:12-21.

Festus cried out that Paul's learning had made him mad, but Agrippa later declared to him and Bernice that Paul had been doing nothing to deserve death or prison.—Acts 26:24-31.

MEMORY VERSE: "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto mitted unto us the word of reconciliation."—II Corinthians 5:19. Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath com-

LED PERSECUTIONS

Vision Convinced Paul

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By N. SPEER JONES

Continuing our study of Paul's letters to the Corinthians, we center our thoughts this week on the great topic of God's provision, through Christ, to reconman's obligation to preach this to his fellow man. This is the "ministry of reconciliation."

In the passage from Acts we see a superb example of this ministry, as the accused prisoner preaches to and attempts to convert even the king before whom he is called upon to defend himself (Acts 26: 28-29). This king is Herod Agrippa II, king of Chalcis, who is paying a complimentary visit to the new governor at Caesarea, Porcius Festus. Festus succeeded Felix under whom Paul had been imprisoned with some liberties until he should decide his case (Acts 23 - 24). This imprisonment had dragged on about three years. With Agrippa is Bernice, his sister.

Felix had been well acquainted with Jewish law, and so was Agrippa. Paul begins his defense before Festus and Agrippa by reminding them that he was previously a dedicated Jew of the strictest party, and that he had led persecutions against the Christians. Then, after the vision on the road to Damascus which revolutionized his life, Paul began immediately to obey Christ's command in that vision to witness for Christ and thus win for those who believed, the reconciliation to God (Acts 26: 12-18).

Notice that it was Festus and not Agrippa who declared Paul mad. It is interesting to note, too, that this is the fast defense of Paul of which we have any record.

The first ten verses of the section from Paul's letter return to the theme that resurrection is certain for those whose faith is in Christ. It is on this theme that he bases the verses which follow, for they are introduced by the word "therefore" In 5.11 to 6.2, the apostle sets forth some of the motives which should impel all Christians to argue for Christ with their fellow men. He is also vindicating his own previous conduct in rebuking the Corinthians.

The word "constraineth" in verse 14 means "coerces" or "impels"; the love of God is the governing influence of life. This love of Christ leads men to die to themselves and live for Him whose death should wipe out all their selfishness (verse 15). The sixteenth verse means that Paul's thoughts are now no longer centered on Christ the man, but Christ the divine.

In verse 18 we come to the phrase which gives our lesson is based. This reconciliation is not one which we earn or offer; it is one we receive.

The basis of this reconciliation is now here more strongly stated than in verse 21. God did not make Christ a sinner, for Christ was sinless; He made Him the object of His judgment, for our sakes.

Verses 3-10 in the sixth chapter of II Corinthians enumerate some of the qualities which we, as Christ's ambassadors or ministers, should have. The word here translated "Minister" means "servant."

Paul then advises church members in Corinth to keep themselves apart from those who live immorally—a great number on Corinth in those days.

The remainder of the seventh chapter outlines Paul's gratitude for the repentance his previous letter had caused the Corinthians.

Shall I force my child to go to Sunday School and Church?

Yes, definitely!

Startled? Why? How do you answer Lucy when she comes to the breakfast table and announces, "I'm not going to school today!" You know, Lucy goes.

How do you answer when Lucy comes in besmudged with dirt and says, "I'm not going to take a bath!" You know, Lucy bathes.

How do you answer when Lucy, threatened with illness, says, "I'm not going to take that medicine!". You know, she takes it.

Why all this timidity, then, in the realm of spiritual guidance and moral training? Going to wait and let her decide what Church she'll go to when she's old enough? Don't fool yourself. By that time she'll probably believe that a decision neglected by her parents during her first twenty years might not be necessary at all. You didn't wait until she was "old enough" to decide she should go to school.

Afraid she'll later succumb to the old story about "... too much religion when I was young . . . parents made me go." This tale is obviously false. Just because she takes a bath tonight doesn't mean she'll discontinue them at the age of twenty-one.

What shall I say to Lucy when she announces she doesn't like Sunday School and Church? That's easy. Be consistent.

By firmness and example you can show her that churchgoing is a necessity. And in later years, she will thank you for bringing into her life the greatest values a mature person can possess — Christian habits and ideals.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Ephesians 5:8-17	Jeremiah 18:1-10	Luke 17:1-10	Luke 17:11-21	II Timothy 3:1-7	II Timothy 3:14-17	Ephesians 6:1-8

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Opposing Roads Open To Layman

By CARDINAL McGUIGAN

The average lay person today who desires to be holy often is faced with two opposing courses from which to choose. From one side, he finds holiness as it is presented as an ideal for lay people toned down considerably.

We hear such things as: "You are too spiritual for a college girl" (in this case, holiness being regulated according to one's profession in life!) — or "Lay people should be pious, but God does not expect them to lead a life of contemplative prayer" which is a good excuse for staying a comfortable Christian in a rut of mediocrity).

On the other hand, there is an ever - increasing realization that God calls lay people as well as the clergy to sanctity. "There is only one unhappiness and that is not to be one of the saints," is the often-quoted saying of Leon Bloy.

There is a tendency these days to develop "nine lives". Our attention is called constantly to them. You hear mention of your social life, your business life, your spiritual life, your sex life, and so on. And if the average person has to give all these things his concern, how is his spiritual life (one among so many) to be dominant?

CHRIST-LIFE

The answer is one of integration. You do not "work at the spiritual life apart from your other lives," but at all activities and all phases of living. They all contribute to the growth of the Christ - life in us. For the Christian truly lives when he lives Christ.

The idea of vocation will help us to answer the question of what we mean by the Christ - life. Our vocation indicates the way to holiness for us and should be the means of integrating all aspects of our lives.

The lay person today has the vocation of restoring all things in Christ. This restoration is a sweeping, all-embracing thing. It covers everything — material goods, the social and political order, immortal souls. Because much of our world is estranged completely from God, reparation has replaced reparation as the object of work.

A Cathedral may have a leaky roof and need repair. If it is bombed and blasted to its very foundations, it has to be restored.

WORK OF MANY

Other ages had their sins, strifes and troubles. In the Christian ages, sins were committed and there were saints who made reparation for them. But it would seem today that reparation is not enough. Christianity is not suffering from a leak — it has been blasted. No one saint today is going to prop up a falling church. Rather, it appears today that God wills the re - establishment of Christianity to be the work of many — of a multitude, in fact.

If the lay person has the vocation to restore all things to Christ, then it follows that he has the vocation to be Christ or, in other words, to be a humanity for Christ. This means a humanity for Christ in whom the word can again be made flesh, to fulfil His mission to establish order and harmony between God and man, of saving souls, and founding a society that will be conducive to the saving of souls.

If, then, our vocation is to be a humanity for Christ, we will become holy by becoming just that. The degree that Christ becomes incarnate in us will be the degree of our sanctity. Our mission is to take Christ where He could not go unless we generously give Him our humanity. We must be sanctified through our work and through our apostolate.

FULLNESS OF LIFE

Being a humanity for Christ means growing in grace and participation in His Divinity. If we are faithful to our vocation, He will be faithful and bring us to the fullness of His life.

It may be a help to remember that Christ did not live in a Christian environment. Being among sinners will not keep you from being a saint. Christ in you will work to make your environment Christian, not by whitewashing it, but by changing and restoring it.

If a person is truly conscious of his role as a humanity for Christ, then the environment will contribute to one's holiness in spite of itself.

Bright-Eyed Kiddies Fill Anglican Church

VANCOUVER (CP)—It may be the noisiest church service anywhere.

But the noises are welcome to Rev. R. C. Gifford of St. James' Anglican Church.

They're part of the Sunday family service, something Mr. Gifford enjoys "more than anything I know."

Each Sunday he and other St. James' clergy see pews crowded with bright-eyed, wriggling proof that even small children can be taught the meaning of worship.

"We call this an instructed mass. One priest celebrates the communion service while the other stands down in the main body of the church and tells the little ones what's going on. They learn quickly. And they enjoy it."

Mr. Gifford sees in the family service a new trend.

"Under the old system, parents went to church and the children to Sunday school. This went on for something like 14 years, during which time the children rarely saw the church service they were supposed to be learning about."

He adds that church organizations also have a tendency to separate the family rather than bring it together.

"Mother goes to a women's auxiliary meeting and father attends a church men's club on separate days of the week. This doesn't do much to encourage the family to work as a team."

He says many churches now realize an early pot-luck supper foflowed by a short service or discussion group can bring all members of a family together in one place at one time.

Sister Makes Rosaries From Roses

TULSA, Okla. (AP)—Mother Agnes turns roses into rosaries.

The 81 - year - old Benedictine nun, for 18 years Mother Superior of the Roman Catholic order in Oklahoma, would like, though, to learn a Spanish trick of how to make red rosaries from roses.

The ones she makes are black. In Spain, she says, "they make red rosaries, but it's a trade secret how they do it."

Mother Agnes uses a meat grinder and an iron skillet to convert rose petals into the religious devices. She begins by grinding up large bouquets of wilted roses.

"The roses look like ground beef when I'm finished," she says. "Next I put them in the skillet and let them set for a few days. The chemical action of the iron turns the roses black."

She also adds a bit of salt "to bring the juice out." After about 10 days, the mixture becomes like putty. Then Mother Agnes cuts out tiny pieces with a thimble—"like cutting a biscuit," she says—and rolls them into balls.

SCENT OF ROSES

The beads shrink to about half their original size while drying, with pins stuck through the middles to make holes.

The finished beads then are strung on silver wire.

Each rosary has 59 beads, requiring about six dozen roses.

"As long as you have a piece of the rosary, you will have the scent of roses," Mother Agnes says. One rosary which she has had for 40 years recently went through the laundry, unintentionally, but emerged with rose scent still present.

Mother Agnes has been a nun for 65 years and her accomplishments have ranged from winning a master's degree in physics and teaching to coaching basketball and oil painting. Now she also cultivates an herb garden, which supplies the cafeteria of Monte Cassino girl's school here.

Evangelist Brings Gospel To Seamen

WELLAND, Ont. (CP) — Clambering up the sides of moving ships and walking narrow iron catwalks are part of everyday duties for Rev. Cameron Orr, minister of the Welland Canal Mission of the Upper Canada Tract and Book Society.

For 24 years he has been pastor to the men who sail the Welland Canal and is the third minister to carry on work begun 95 years ago.

The evangelist, who boards ships as they pass through the locks, is accepted with easy informality by the sailors, many of whom joke with him before he switches the conversation to spiritual matters.

He reads familiar passages from his well-worn bible, relating them to everyday experiences, sings verses of hymns and prays for each of the men. In the engine rooms he manages to get his message across despite the thundering noise.

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9:45 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Churchtime Nursery and Nursery School
11:00 a.m.—MORNING WORSHIP AND SERMON:
"THE IMMENSE COMPLIMENT GOD PAYS US WHEN HE REGARDS US AS HIS WORKMANSHIP"
Anthem: "Go not far from me" (Zingarelli)
The Chancel Choir
7:00 p.m.—EVENING WORSHIP AND SEMINAR:
PREPARATORY TO HOLY COMMUNION.
"S. PAUL'S PORTRAIT OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST"
Anthem: "The Lord is my Shepherd" (Smart)
The Junior Choir
JESUS SAID: "COME UNTO ME, ALL YE THAT LABOUR AND ARE HEAVY LADEN AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST".

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8:30 a.m.—HOLY COMMUNION
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, Junior, Senior and Bible Classes.
11:00 a.m.—Sunday School, Primary and Beginners Classes.
11:00 a.m.—Crib Nursery
11:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
Subject: "STIR-UP"
Anthem: Worship—Geoffrey Shaw
6:30 p.m.—Hymn Singing
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.
(Installation Service)
Subject: "MEN AND NATIONS IN GOD'S PLAN"
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Morning

10:00 a.m.—Bible School for the whole family
11:00 a.m.—Lord's Supper and Morning Message:
"MONKEY BUSINESS"
Anthem: "God Is Love" (Shelley)
Soloist: Mr. Preston Beck
(This morning service is being broadcast)

EVENING

7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship Service
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Special Music—Duet
Minister—Mr. William O. Weale
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9:45 a.m.—Junior and Intermediate Classes
11:00 a.m.—Nursery and Kindergarten Classes
11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP
Sermon: THE SUN NEVER SETS
Anthem: "Seek Ye The Lord"—Roberts
Miss Helen Wilson
11:15—Primary Church School
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship
Sermon: THE QUALIFICATIONS OF A CHRISTIAN
Anthem:—
You Are Welcome To Worship With Us

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9:45 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—THE FULNESS OF CHRIST
Anthem: "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
7:00 p.m.—"THE SUPREME QUESTION"
Rev. C. W. Passey
Anthem: "The Sinner and the Song"
Soloist: Mr. Lloyd Archer
Duet: Mrs. Caspar Vernie and Mr. John Vandergaag.

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The Rev. Donald A. Campbell, B.A., Minister
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Organist and Choir Director

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School—Classes for all ages.
10:00 a.m.—Bible Class — 11:00 a.m.—Nursery School
11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP
Sermon: UPS AND DOWNS
Anthems: (a) Morning Hymn—W. E. Houghton
(b) Child's Prayer—W. E. Houghton
Junior Choir
For You I AM Praying—R. R. Peery
Intermediate Choir
7:00 p.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP
Sermon: THE PATROL'S REPORT
Solo: The Day Thou Gavest
Mr. Frank Wood
A CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL

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TRINITY CHURCH SCHOOL

9:30 a.m.—Senior, Intermediate and Junior Church School
11:00 a.m.—Primary, Kindergarten and Nursery
11:00 a.m.—ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF STEWARDSHIP
—Rev. J. G. E. Ball
Anthem: "Lift Up Your Hearts"
(H. A. Chambers)
7:00 p.m.—"YOU HAVE A GIFT" (Rev. G. C. Wyrwas)
Instalation of Hi C and Y.Y.U. Officers
"A WELCOME AWAITS YOU AT TRINITY AND SPRING PARK"

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(Cor, Kirkwood Drive and Dunkirk Street)
CHURCH SCHOOL

9:30 a.m.—Primary, Junior and Intermediate Church School
11:00 a.m.—Nursery in Sunday School Room
11:00 a.m.—"THE KNOCK AT THE DOOR"
(Rev. C. C. Lewis)
Choir: "Onward Christian Soldiers"
(Baring-Gould)
Organist: Mrs. Ron H. Atkinson

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Nov. 24—The Sunday next before Advent

8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
8:45 a.m.—Mattins
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School (11 a.m. Infants)
11:00 a.m.—Choral Eucharist & sermon
Preceded by installation of A.Y.P.A. officers
3:00 p.m.—A.Y.P.A. Deanery Council Parish Hall
7:00 p.m. Evensong and sermon (Deanery worship and witness service) in the Cathedral
Preacher: Rev. Edward Pfander, B.A., Rector of New London

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