



time being, dear child," the priest said dismissively. „First you must believe in Him yourself with all your heart. You can even become an apprentice of this Great Physician. But He will only accept you if you have received the bath of Baptism.“ – „The bath of Baptism? My mother once told me about it on her deathbed, but my father rejected it and he would not let me enquire into the matter. After a couple of days, I had completely forgotten her wish. But now I will come back every day so that you can explain everything to me thoroughly.“

To be continued!

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Quiz

1. Who was commissioned by GOD to tell David that it was wrong to send Bathsheba's husband to his death?
2. Who longed back for the pots of meat of Egypt?
3. Who sold his field and gave the money to the Apostles and the congregation?

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The month of March is dedicated to St Joseph – the great helper in all worries, needs and fears, in diseases and doubts of faith.

Let us remember the fact that GOD entrusted the beginnings of our redemption to the attentive protection of St Joseph.

Let us accompany our Redeemer on His Way of the Cross. With what love did He do all that for us! How can we thank Him?

United in thought with very kind regards,

Sister Paula



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Monthly Letter

Warmth and Security in Pain and Suffering

We often stand speechless before human suffering, which has such different names: disease, guilt, failure, want, loneliness, desperation, severe slander, destruction of a person's good reputation ...

Worries and vexations just go on and on. So many people are asking themselves: „How can GOD allow such things to happen? How can He stand by and watch?“ They see this as an injustice. They cannot come to terms with it and lose sight of GOD. Confidence and prayer dwindle. They blame GOD for their lives. – Looking up to the cross would be these people's saving anchor and consequently a flood of grace would come down on them.

Why? CHRIST took upon Himself the Cross after immeasurable agonies, torments and disgraceful humiliations and carried it to Golgotha – for our salvation. Innocently He died for us with the words: „FATHER, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.“ – In the most difficult hours of His bitter life on earth He did not lose confidence in His FATHER. He knew that that was the only support. Also our life, our sufferings, fear and hardships are safe and secure with His Passion and Cross.

So many things in people's lives rebel against GOD. Just because He knows how we are doing, we may say with JESUS: „FATHER, into Your hands I commit my life – the wish to accept Your will.“ Because faith has so greatly dwindled, the apparent meaninglessness of suffering has become a daily companion.



For JESUS' sake, GOD will not let us down. For we know about His faithfulness which in the very darkness of the cross already allows the light of the Easter morning to come on. In this way He drags us into His life, which knows no more suffering.

So I may also feel secure in GOD in my suffering – and I can share this warmth and security with the sick, the desperate, the dying ..., with so many people. – Of course, we know that we are here to make our eternal salvation possible as well as that of so many souls. There is no doubt about it.

Catechism

Where do we find a brief summary of the Catholic faith?

The Apostolic Creed

Right from the beginning of Christianity people were anxious to summarise the basic teaching of the holy faith in a prayer. The holy Apostles already did so, therefore it is called the "Apostolic Creed." In the beginning only the basic teachings were contained in it; later, during the time of the heresies, explanatory additions had to be made. This Creed was nothing but a formula of confession, in which the most important doctrines of faith were quoted in short.

There are twelve parts, they are called "articles." These twelve articles should give to understand that the Creed contains the same truths as the ones preached by the twelve Apostles. All of the twelve articles belong together like the separate links of a chain. If you take away one link of a chain, the whole chain is torn up. It is the same with the Apostolic Creed. You cannot allow one article to fall away, otherwise the faith would be impaired.

With the Creed, one can clearly discern three main parts: The first is about GOD the FATHER and creation; the second part is about GOD the SON and redemption; the third part is about GOD the HOLY SPIRIT and sanctification.

children's corner

The Apprentice of the Great Physician

Dear children

„Ah, to Euphrosynus, the famous scientist. What do you study there?“ – „How to heal the sick people, how to diagnose their afflictions, what medicine one should prescribe for them and what therapeutic baths they are to be sent to. That is the secret science of the god of healing, Asclepius and of the great Hippocrates. The master always says that, if I diligently study them, I will one day be able to heal all the diseases and afflictions of all people and become the most famous physician of the world.“ – „Do you believe that, Pantaleon?“ – „Oh, no,“ the boy smiles without restraint. „No one has ever managed to do so, not even the private physician of the emperor, and I am afraid that even the god Asclepius cannot heal all the sick.“ – „Yes, you are right!“ says Hermolaus in all earnestness. Now he is no longer the modest workman, but the priest of GOD, who brings his hand into position to sow the divine seed in the soil of a human soul. „I am happy that you speak so frankly. Now pay attention! I will announce to you the greatest secret of the world. There is really a still much more powerful physician than your Asclepius and Hippocrates. He cures the sick by saying just one word to them. If you became an apprentice to Him, you would be much more successful.“ – „What then is the name of this physician and where can I find him?“ Pantaleon asks sceptically. His master had never told him about such a healing artist. „JESUS CHRIST is His name!“ Hermolaus bows his head in deep awe for this name and the astonished boy pricks his ears. Has he not heard this name before? But where? Oh, it was the name of that peculiar GOD, whom his mother prayed to, was it not? While Hermolaus is telling the boy about the great miraculous signs of this greatest of all physicians and about His love for the people, the boy's pure, unspoiled eyes light up in brightest radiance. The divine grain of seed digs itself deep into the loose soil of the boy's receptive soul. The priest has hardly finished when Pantaleon jumps to his feet: „So this JESUS CHRIST is GOD and not Asclepius or someone else! I will tell my master first thing tomorrow. He will probably be interested, too!“ – „Keep it to yourself for the