

One Solitary Life

By one of them

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A CHALLENGE

Australia was essentially Protestant until about 1960, only 20-30 years ago. About 25 percent of the population was Catholic. A reasonable proportion of Protestants and Catholics practised their religion at least from time to time. Protestantism has suffered a sharp decline. While it has taken longer to happen, Catholicism has followed down the same path. Now, no one would regard Australia as predominantly Christian. We need works of Christian charity and idealism and the open spreading of Christianity to reverse the tide.

A challenge to the Catholics of Australasia

by Brother Michael Founder of The Mother of God Brothers

Some thoughts for reflection on the Catholic view of life:

THE QUEST

To dream the impossible dream,
To fight the unbeatable foe,
To bear with unbearable sorrow,
To run where the brave dare not go,
To right the unrightable wrong,
To love pure and chaste from afar,
To try when your arms are too weary,
To reach the unreachable star,
This is my quest, to follow that star,
No matter how hopeless, no matter how far,
To fight for the right, without question or pause,
To be willing to march into Hell
for a heavenly cause,
And I know if I'll only be true,
To this glorious quest,
That my heart will lie peaceful and calm,
When I'm laid to my rest,
And the world will be better for this,
That one man scorned and covered with scars,
Still strove with his last ounce of courage,
To reach the unreachable star.

Consider this:

He was born in an obscure village... he worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty... he then became an itinerant preacher. He never held an office... he never had a family or owned a house... he didn't go to college or high school or University... he had no credentials but himself.

Nineteen centuries and more have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race, All the armies that ever marched , all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that... One Solitary Life

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Are you prepared to dedicate one year of your life to helping this work by either.

- a) living in a Community and helping with the work there, or
- b) by helping us spread Catholic Christianity to other people.

If you are interested at all please write to:

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