

fine to pray to the Virgin Mary to reach her Son, but she's pretty busy too! Who would have an influence on her like her own mother, like St. Anne. So you should pray to St. Anne!

St. Patrick went directly to Christ. He never thought of putting any human being anywhere like on a level with Christ. He was a very great saint and he developed one of the very great churches in the world's history and during the next several hundred years, the Irish missionaries went all over Europe spreading the knowledge of Christ. Later when it was the only Englishman who ever was made a pope, gave a statement to the licentious king of England at that time Henry II, giving him authorization and praying blessing upon him to go to Ireland and to extirpate the nurseries of vice, and Henry II intraduced Roman Catholicism into Ireland.

That great church which had been one of the greatest centers of Christian activity in the world gradually came under the domination of Rome, and then the people were very indignant about the subjugation by the English and that indignation increased over the years. When England became Protestant they became more solidly anti-Protestant! They are known today as the great supporters of Roman Catholicism. But how different was the attitude of St. Patrick from whose writings-- one of the few writings of his that are universally recognized as genuine showed what he thought of knowing Christ. Christ (was) the center of his life, the center of his activity!

It's interesting that the Pope had trained a man in Rome and commissioned him to go and try to convert Ireland. In 431 this man went to Ireland tried to convert the heathen there to Christianity. After a few years of effort he gave it up. He said the Irish are absolutely incosigable. He went back to Britain and there in North Britain he labored for the rest of his life. It was just 9 years after he went to Ireland that a young man who had been taken as a slave to Ireland as a young man, and for 6 years had been in slavery in that country and had had his heart torn by the heathenism of the people and had longed to bring the knowledge of Christ to them.

He escaped and went back to either to Britain or to France (it's not certain which) but the Lord laid it on his heart to go back to Ireland to reach the people for Christ. When he went there just 9 years after Patrick had given it up as a hopeless task, Pelagius

Patrick(?) began to preach with such power that he developed churches all over Ireland and laid the foundation for that great Irish missionary work that followed.

I want to know Christ, Paul said. Each of us should want to know Christ.

But now what's the second part of this prayer of Paul's, of this ambition of Paul. "I want to know Chr\$st and the power of His resurrection." How powerless American Christians on the whole seem to be. I heard some years ago when I visited Constantinople that some Americans had been visiting Constantinople and there on a cold morning they had seen some Muslims preparing to go into the Mosque.