

# THE RIGHT OF VOTES FOR WOMEN

*Mgr Baudrillart is a partisan of woman suffrage. Thus declares the eminent rector of the University of Paris.*

## Four reasons given.

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George Martin has carried on with great freedom an inquiry in "Le Petit Journal" of Paris on the right of suffrage for women, he has questioned many personages as to their attitude on this subject.

Certain opponents of woman suffrage, says he, have an argument in reserve which they sum up in this brutal manner. If woman gets a ballot it is the priest who will vote. If that were true then the clerical authorities and the millions of Catholics would unanimously incline to favor votes for women. Other people are much alarmed. They are silly enough to believe that by going to vote twice in four years, the housewife will not have time enough to look after her home and that the comfort of the family will suffer by it.

But numerous Catholic personages are ardent partisans of woman suffrage. Mgr Gasparri, Minister of State of the Holy See, does not conceal his views on the question. He is altogether in favour of votes for women. With regard to Mgr Baudrillart, rector of the Catholic University of Paris, one of the most distinguished, most intelligent and it doesn't hurt him to be known also as one of the kindest hearted members of the Catholic higher clergy, listen to what he says, if you will.

Your question does not embarrass me in the least, was the reply we received from Mgr Baudrillart. I have always been a partisan to the right of women to vote and I consider it a remnant of bar-

barism that they have not yet been accorded the suffrage.

Why ought women to receive the vote? I see four great reasons for it. First they are equal in intelligence with man though it may be of another sort. Further they have more practical sense and lastly they have besides the care of family affairs. Believe me, my advice is by no means founded on the ground of opportunity but on the motive of justice.

And if anyone believes that by votes for women the home will be disorganized I laugh at it. Very much on the contrary the conjugal discussions will be elevated. A wife who is not in accord with her husband will find in the vote a vent for her anger, an outlet for her discontent and is it not your opinion that this is better than the revolver?

## GREAT GATHERING OF ROMAN CATHOLIC DIGNITARIES IS PLANNED

Rome, Feb. 27. — (Star Tribune Cable Copyright.) — The Ecumenical Conference of the Catholic church, expected to be the most important in modern history, which 7,000 leading dignitaries from every country in the world will attend, and which was scheduled for next year, has been postponed until 1927.

Among the chief questions of the conference will be that of women's position in politics. In Vatican circles, it is agreed that a majority of the leaders of the Catholic church favor women's voting at the polls.

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