

## Catholic Organization— Its Necessity And Significance.

### Spirit and Program Required For Association of American Catholics.

#### Echoes of the "Catholic Week" in New York.

Catholic organization is not at all a new theme in these United States. There has been much said about the effective union of the Catholic forces for the advancement of their cause and the promotion of the public welfare. There has been much written on this subject. At no time has it been more directly lost sight of by the Catholic press or Catholic leaders. And yet, it remains to this day a thing rather to spoken of and hoped for than an end realized. "Catholic Week" in New York, which has just closed, gave but a glimpse of that actual solidification and federation of the Catholic people for which all thinking men so greatly long. The concrete embodiment of that desire is apparently still far in the distant future.

The necessity of association of this kind no man with any experience or keenness of judgment can deny. Every group of people of similar ideas and interests inevitably seeks this mode of action and expression. It is a most natural thing to do—and a most imperative. Especially is the need the greater in a democracy, where public opinion has to be reached and educated and persuaded. Individually but little can be done in this respect. Bureaus of information are needed, agencies of publicity, opportunities for speeches to masses of the people, committees for legislative action, and organization alone can produce these.

Catholics must inform their fellow-citizens on the school question—they must see that freedom of education is adequately safeguarded. They must watch closely lest anti-Catholic propaganda get the upper hand in official circles. They must scrutinize the channels of public information. They have a serious obligation to obtain justice for the so-called lower classes; to see on the other hand that the emancipation of the working class is worked out along the proper lines. They must assist in the molding of our public policy and public life. They have a most solemn duty in this regard; for they can bring to the task that splendor of spirit of conservative progress which is so greatly needed in any state, and particularly in a republic. Pius X. in his encyclical on "Christian Social Action" pointed strongly to this fact, especially showing the opportunities which the "present constitution of states" offers to us and that these opportunities should not be shunned. American Catholics have not half realized their tremendous responsibility to their country. By organized activity they must meet the problems of their native or adopted land.

It is clear that the organization which the Catholics of the United States must form must be animated by the proper spirit and observe the proper scheme. All organizations, to be successful and effective, must do this. The movement must be a popular one, "for the welfare of the people", reaching all the people, with a program which will be of service to the people in their needs. The component parts must be fired with the spirit and purpose of the association. All must be alive to the ideas of the general body and working with and for it and its program. That is an absolutely indispensable requisite.

It is an old story of the biological world that the lower type of the organism the less pronounced are its various parts. It is so, too, in the world of human association. Unless the local organizations are alive and vigorous and affiliated with the central group but a pretense of an organization in reality exists. The association is top-heavy and falls short of its purpose. In fact, it practically accomplishes nothing at all, either

in building its own structure for the future or in educating the people to its ideas and ideals. It remains ever the same central group, striving hard to speak for others whom it does not represent. It fails to educate the people, for it reaches no one whom it can educate. A program, clear-cut, sound, well-defined; a union of the Catholic people to carry out this program in all sections and localities: these are the essentials for the organization in this country which is needed, and so much desired. Organization for organization's sake means nothing. A long roll of declarations with no one to carry them into action, no real following to effect them in concrete life, is much the same.

There is no need for pessimism in this field of Catholic action. If present foresight will not effect our union, future necessity may rather to spoken of and hoped for than an end realized. To achieve the result wished for, "Catholic Week" in New York, which has just closed, gave but a glimpse of that actual solidification and federation of the Catholic people for which all thinking men so greatly long. The concrete embodiment of that desire is apparently still far in the distant future.

The apostolate of a few aided by the prayers of all is the synthesis of the Catholic life as taught by our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is no unusual thing for the natives of Africa to become warmly attached to the missionaries and the religion they teach, and to be willing to endure great suffering in order that they may become Christians.

Fr. Paradis, a White Father, who has had a very successful year in his mission, mentions the following striking incident: "Many of the aspirants for Baptism really suffered from hunger while attending catechism class. They were able to return home only once in two weeks and it was impossible to feed all. They did not complain, and above all they did not leave, for then they would not have received Baptism. I admired greatly their courage and generosity."

## What Our Own Apostles Do.

Not all the hardships of missionary life are confined to Africa and China. The apostles of our own Far West have undergone great privation and misery, and once in a while outsiders get a glimpse of what they have suffered for the great cause of souls.

Fr. de Smet, S. J., was one of the early missionaries to the Indians of our western states, penetrating into what was then an almost undiscovered country. His life has just been written by the Laveille, S. J., and in it we read that in his wanderings in the wilderness he never received a single letter for three years; for Manibert K. Chesterton; Defender of Orthodoxy; Robert Hugh Benson, as Poet, Novelist and Apologist; "The Church in Literature" was the subject of five learned lectures by Professor Arthur F. Remy, Ph. D. of Columbia University, New York. Professor Remy treated of the "Church as the Agent of the God's Mercy". The Church Powerless to save. "The Blessed Virgin in Poetry". "The Church and the amazing Catholic Nationalism and Missionary Career, Fr. de Smet traveled 261,000 miles, more than ten times the circumference of the globe.

## THE CATHOLIC SUMMER SCHOOL

(Special to the Catholic Journal)

Cliff Haven, August 25th.

The "Eighth Week" of the Silver Jubilee Year opened Sunday with the High Mass at 10.30 A. M., sung by the Rev. Joan Hickley, Dean of Ulster County. The preacher at the Mass was the Rev. Michael Reilly of New York. Father Reilly took for his text the words of St. Luke (XVIII. 13) "He that exalteth himself shall be humbled; he that humbleth himself shall be exalted," and showed from the example of the Pharisees how useless is all observation of the law without charity and humility, how external worship without internal conformity is but empty, useless formalism. Then the preacher went on to show that there were two kinds of pride, pride of heart and pride of intellect; that it is the pride of intellect that has been the cause of the failure of individuals, the fruitful source of heresies and schisms, as well as the wrecks of faith in arrogant men and women. The pride of heart that tempted the Pharisees' contempt of others has similarly led men to condemn religion and to advocate the possibility of a morality without it. Culture and refinement are made religion's substitute, but the extravagance of the sociologists who in their advocacy of a naturalism would despise what they call the "conventionalities" of life, and justify free love and promiscuity in domestic and social relations, show to what pandemonium their principles would lead if ever even tolerated in civilized society.

Sunday evening in the Auditorium the annual grand concert was given under the direction of Mr. Camille W. Zeckwer, Assistant Director of the Philadelphia Musical Academy. Seldom if ever of all Catholics. The Vatican is not strictly neutral but also lovers had such a treat. Real music was there—soul stirring, thrilling, such as we are accustomed to associate only with the sublime heights music that would rouse to glorious deeds, music that would meet in pity the ironhearted music that whistled of the love of man for woman and woman for man, music that sang the Crucified Love.

Only artists of the highest calibre had any place on the program such as was presented Sunday evening. They were Miss May Farley, soprano; Miss Elizabeth Byner, contralto; Mr. Donald Redding, baritone; Miss Alma Grafe, violinist; and Mr. Camille W. Zeckwer, pianist.

Another sumptuous intellectual banquet was served during the week for the delectation of Cliff Haven connoisseurs. The Rev. Francis S. Purtell, S. T. L., gave a splendid course on the "Eastern Church"; its beginning and Present Outlook", showing how from the ambitions and rivalries of the ancient sees, Constantinople, Alexandria, Antioch and Jerusalem and from the Roman difficulties and mistakes, came the ninth century Schism and the Eleventh Century final severance, and closing with a discussion of the Present Status of the Old Patriarchates. This was the Philadelphia Laymen's Retreat Jubilee Course. Mr. Louis H. Wetmore, formerly Literary Editor of the New York Times, gave the Brooklyn Cottage Jubilee Course, speaking on "English Politics today; the Decay of the Representative Government"; "Hilaire Belloc the Socialist"; "Hilaire Belloc the Man. Politician, the Writer"; Gilbert K. Chesterton; Defender of Orthodoxy; Robert Hugh Benson, as Poet, Novelist and Apologist; "The Church in Literature" was the subject of five learned lectures by Professor Arthur F. Remy, Ph. D. of Columbia University, New York. Professor Remy treated of the "Church as the Agent of the God's Mercy". The Church Powerless to save. "The Blessed Virgin in Poetry". "The Church and the amazing Catholic Nationalism and Missionary Career, Fr. de Smet traveled 261,000 miles, more than ten times the circumference of the globe.

day and Tuesday evenings Mr. Camille W. Zeckwer gave piano recitals on the former evening choosing the title "Descriptive Music", and on the latter presenting Carl Reinecke's "From the Cradle to the Grave". On Thursday and Friday evenings Miss Marie Loughney of Lansdowne, Pa., gave song recitals, devoting one evening to English and the other to foreign.

The mens' Championship Tournament, singles was won by F. Cleary Hanihen, co-holder of the Nebraska State Doubles Championship and number two on the State ranking list. E. Roberts Moore was the runner-up from New York. The Doubles championship was won by Henighen and Moore, who defeated O'Brien and Butler.

Irish Press and News Service.

## Pope Benedict Did Not Offer Prayers For Allies.

New York, August 19th—Dispatches from Rome, timed to reach the great Catholic Congress assembling in New York, and published in leading American newspapers and other countries, stated that Pope Benedict had ordered the faithful to pray for the success of the Allies in battle.

The Italian press censors forwarded the cable to all American press associations but the press here unannouncedly deny the issuance of such an order and repudiate the source of such false information.

Cardinal Farley of New York authorized the following statement through his secretary:—

"As to the statement that the Holy Father had ordered prayers throughout Italy for the success of the allied armies we can only say we do not believe there is any truth in it. The Pope is the father of all Catholics. The Vatican is not strictly neutral but also lovers had such a treat. Real music was there—soul stirring, thrilling, such as we are accustomed to associate only with the sublime heights music that would rouse to glorious deeds, music that would meet in pity the ironhearted music that whistled of the love of man for woman and woman for man, music that sang the Crucified Love.

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## A. O. H. Outing.

The committee in charge of the A. O. H. picnic and Field Day which will be held on Labor Day, Sept. 4th, at Johnson's Grove at the end of Emerson St., carline, in connection with the Friends of Irish Freedom are planning to make this the greatest success in the history of the order.

We ask all the ladies young and old to co-operate with us on that day, as it will seem like a walk along the mossy dell of the gold-venal vale near the River Shannon, or a stroll through the valley of Glen-delough with tunes of Irish music from O'Connell's Own Band every step of the way. A very attractive program of sports have been arranged including a baseball game between Divisions 2 and 7; a Gaelic football game between the Harps of Rochester and Emmets of Syracuse and a hurling contest between Buffalo and Syracuse.

## Weekly Church Calendar

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
Gospel, St. Mark vii., 31-37.  
S. 27. St. Joseph Calasanctius, C.  
M. 28. St. Augustine, B. C. D.  
T. 29. St. Sabina, M.  
W. 30. St. Rose of Lima, V.  
Th. 31. St. Raymond Nonnatus, C.  
F. Sept. 1. St. Giles, Ab.  
S. 2. St. Stephen, King, C.

## Baseball

Rochester will play Providence Aug. 28, 29, and 30th; Baltimore on the 31st and Sept. 1 and 2nd (two games).

## News From Ireland

Charles.

Miss Mary Ann Hogan (Sister Mary Joseph of the Sacred Heart), only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hogan, Tullow, has been professed in the Presentation Convent, Dingle.

A Tullow schoolboy named William Berney was drowned while bathing in the Slaney.

Married—At Labasheeda Roman Catholic church, with nuptial Mass, by the Rev. Father Flannan Neill, O. F. M., brother of the bridegroom, assisted by Rev. Father Lynch, P. P., Kilmarry-MacManor, James Joseph, eldest son of the late John and Mrs. Neill, of Colemonstown, to Delia, youngest daughter of the late William Moloney, esq., of Colmanstown, Labasheeda, County Clare.

Condolence is expressed with J. Drummey, collector Cork harbor dues, on the death of his niece, Miss Muriel Drummey, daughter of Dr. N. D. Drummey, Boston, U. S. A.

Miss Mary O'Connell (Sister Mary Paul) has entered the Presentation Order, Midleton, the ceremony being performed by the Most Rev. Dr. Browne.

Miss Lily Farrell, daughter of R. C. Farrell, North Main street, Youghal, has succumbed to burns as a result of her clothing catching fire.

Died—July 23, at his residence, 8 Upper Clanbrassil street, James Navagh.

Married—July 13, at St. Mary's church, Donnybrook, by Venerable Robert Walsh, Archdeacon of Dublin, Percy Joseph, fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gillespie, of Boyle, County Roscommon, to Constance Alice May, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Collins of Sandymount, Dublin.

The interment has taken place at Kenmare of Mrs. Kate Hegarty, who was 105 years old.

Married—July 15, at the Catholic church, Kilgarvan, by Rev. J. O'Shea, P. P., Patrick, second surviving son of P. W. Palmer, Templehoe, Kenmare, to Margaret, second daughter of Daniel Healy, Ouvane, Kilgarvan.

Died—July 22, at the Presbytery, Kilorglin, Rev. Thomas Lawlor, P. P., aged 74 years.

On the motion of Rev. F. Norris, County Kildare joint technical committee unanimously re-elected J. Minch, J. P., and Geo. Wolfe, J. P., chairman and vice-chairman for ensuing year.

Miss Dorothy Heydon, Churchtown House, Athy, has entered the Brigidine Order, Tullow.

Married—At St. Mary's, Edgeworthstown, by Rev. Father Brady, P. P., assisted by Rev. Canon Martin, P. P., Edgeworthstown, Terence Boyle, eldest son of Mrs. Boyle, Corglass, County Longford, to Winifred, only daughter of James and Mrs. Murtagh, Lismanagh, Edgeworthstown.

Rev. Charles E. Carney, C. C., Ballaghaderreen, lately of the Meath diocese, has been transferred from Kilmore Erris to Belmullet, and is succeeded by Rev. Father Finnerty, Killala, recently ordained.

Died—July 16, at Main street, Castleblaney, Mary Frances, beloved wife of the late Peter Coyle, merchant, Castleblaney, aged 60 years.—At Fern Hill, Clones, Mrs. Edward Maguire.

Very Rev. M. F. Walsh has been inducted by Right Rev. Monsignor Flavin, P. P., V. F., Clonmel, as P. P. of Grange, Ardfinnan and Ballybacon.

Father Matthew Ryan, P. P., Knockavilla, County Tipperary, announces that the people of Knockavilla and Donaskeagh have already contributed £106 for the national aid fund.

## Catholic Notes of Interest.

Domestic

This year the Catholic Summer School of America is twenty-five years old.

Bishop O'Doherty of Zamboanga, in the Philippines, writes that about 20,000 Anglepayan heretics have returned to the Faith.

Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, Cincinnati, is now empowered to confer the degree of Bachelor of Theology.

Last year His Eminence Cardinal O'Connell gave the St. Vincent de Paul Society \$1000.

Very Rev. Thomas J. Gibbons, pastor of the Cathedral of St. Paul, Minn., has been appointed Vicar-General of the Archdiocese of St. Paul.

It is announced that the 240 parochial schools in the Archdiocese of Chicago will banish text books printed in foreign languages next September.

In their New York hospital the Sisters of the Poor of St. Francis last year nursed 3,808 patients, and had performed 2,037 operations.

Mgr. Burke, Director-General of the Catholic Board for Mission Work among the Colored People of the United States, has started a movement for the erection of a Chapel in the South in memory of the late Pontiff, Pius X.

The Floyd County Centennial Committee, Indiana, has invited the Rev. John Cavanaugh, C. S. C., president of Notre Dame University, to make an address on the occasion of the New Albany Centennial, September 14th.

The diocese of Jaro, Philippine Islands, has 300,000 Catholics. Over forty of its parishes are without priests.

The Archbishop of Prague, Cardinal Skrbenski, has been transferred to the Archbishopric of Olmuetz.

The Holy See has erected in Brazil the new diocese of Porto Nacional.

The primary school of the Marist Brothers in Tokio, Japan, has 850 pupils; at Osaka they have 700, of which number 625 are being taught Christian Doctrine.

Mgr. Baudrillart, rector of the University of Paris, visited Spain, was received by King Alfonso and entertained by the Bishop of Madrid and the Papal Nuncio.

Bernard Holland, a British writer, son of a Canon of Canterbury, and contributor to some of our leading reviews, has embraced the Catholic Faith.

Rev. Joseph Bertram, for 23 years in charge of the leper settlement in Japan, is dead. He asked to be buried in the leper's graveyard.

The new Code of Canon Law, after twelve years of preparation, is now practically completed and awaits promulgation.

It is stated that three French Bishops are taking part in the battle of Verdun, sharing the soldiers' perils. This greatly animates all France.

It is estimated that the war has depleted the population of Berlin 300,000; of Hamburg, 330,000; of Breslau 200,000; of Vienna 700,000, and other cities near 33 per cent.