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MIGHTY FORCE

Writing in the "Michigan Catholic," T. A. T. tells what a mighty force and aid in combatting vice and the social evil is centered in the Catholic Church, especially in the confessional every Saturday night and before the first Fridays:

Is there a sane man of sober judgment, Catholic or non-Catholic, who will not instantly repudiate the reflection on the Catholic Churches as "monuments of hypocrisy" in reference to their relation with the problem of white slavery? It is not understandable how any Catholic can use such a term. Surely the one who does has given no thought to the activities of the Catholic Church in combating the social evil. If it were not for the Saturday night confessionals with their tens of thousands of visitors from the ranks of the young men and women workers of the city, receiving elevating instructions in the restraining of the flesh and the practice of virtues, if it were not for the sanctifying Sunday morning communions and uplifting sermons, then how would civil authorities cope with vice?

HONORED

In appointing Monsignor Joseph W. Hendrick to be irremovable rector to St. Francis de Sales' Church in Geneva and also to be Rural Dean, in succession to the late Dean McDonald, Bishop Hickey has honored a loyal priest, a vigorous American gentleman and a staunch friend to those who have worked with him and with whom he has come in close contact.

Monsignor Hendrick is more than forty years a priest and all that time he has labored as a parish priest and he knows full well the hardships and trials that go with parochial work in the rural mission. He is a brother of the late Bishop Hendrick, so long and lovingly known to Rochesterians as "Father Tom." Another sister entered the convent. Another brother is Supreme Court Justice Peter Hendrick of New York City, and still another served with credit in the consular service of the United States.

The Catholic Journal extends congratulations to Monsignor Hendrick upon his new honors and trusts he may be spared many years to minister to his new congregation.

Rochester did nobly for the Liberty Loan of 1917.

Colonel Callahan, chairman of the committee in charge, has effectually disposed of the slander that the Knights of Columbus were to have council chambers in the army camps. They are only to administer the Catholic war fund and look after the spiritual needs of the Catholic boys and others who wish to join in, the same as the Y. M. C. A., which has charge of the similar work for the non-Catholic boys.

There are a few of the officers in the army who persist in needlessly slandering Catholic traditions, Catholic practice and Catholic belief. These should be brought to book by their superior officers.

Send your Catholic papers and magazines to the soldier boys. They will be glad to receive them.

Even non-Catholics are contributing to the proposed fund to raise a memorial to Father Ryan, "the Poet Priest of the South."

American boys in the trenches? Now, let us hope the war may come to an end right speedily.

The quicker the war ends, the quicker we will be able to settle down to normal aims and aspirations.

Slackers and others who try to impede patriotic service are likely to find it a mighty expensive pastime.

This is no time for any ranting about the respective rights of Labor or Capital. Both must do their full share to win the war and the public will soon wallop either one or the other that tries to hold back.

Now that Mr. Hoover has mastered wheat, coal and sugar, let him turn his attention to eggs. This food product is of more importance than the others mentioned because there are more eggs than meat consumed in this country. Prices, too, are out of proportion and Mr. Hoover might turn his attention to the profiteers who are hoarding and boosting prices in the egg market. He will find it a profitable and a popular turn especially to the housewives, the retailers and the egg-eating public.

Your Duty!

It is such a pleasure to find in a magazine of so high-class reputation as "The Dial" such a splendid appreciation of the diocesan Catholic press is particular and the Catholic press in general that we herewith reproduce it as follows:—

Personal experience has taught us that even in educated non-Catholic circles much ignorance concerning the Church is manifested. This is clear from the manner in which they seek information from us. The cause of this ignorance is usually either the bad example of Catholics or what they they have read in the secular press. Invariably non Catholics will say, "Why doesn't the Church use the press, circulate pamphlets, etc.?" The Church recognizes the justice of this complaint, she hears the voices of her wandering children calling for the bread of life, and she endeavors to provide for them, but from reports issued yearly we know our Catholic publishing houses have not the support they require.

In conclusion, therefore, we earnestly exhort every practical Catholic to show his loyalty by helping to boost "The Catholic Press," since the Church needs it and has given it her holy approbation. The practical, loyal and patriotic Catholic keeps himself informed on all matters pertaining to the Church, not the parish church alone, but the Church throughout the nation and world; this information can be found only in the Catholic press. Again we say it is an urgent duty to have a paid-up subscription if possible to one or more Catholic papers, your local or diocesan papers always being the first selected.

Give Generously!

It is our duty as Catholics to support freely and generously any and all Church activities. But the appeal that is to be made for Catholic Charities by the newly-organized Catholic Charities Aid Association deserves specially generous support.

This new organization is planned to systematize and business-ize all our Catholic charities and eliminate so many different appeals with their interlocking and overlapping activities that much time, energy and money are wasted. The new organization will raise the necessary funds in one appeal and then the net result can be apportioned among the several Catholic charities. In this way the wants of each can be met at the time when most needed instead of waiting until the annual donation for each produces the requisite funds. Moreover, under the new plan a budget can be made up in advance and other business ideas instituted.

The new association is chartered by the State with broad powers and a similar one is to be or has been instituted in each Diocese in New York state. While each will operate independently, it is probable that all will unite in a State Federation and once a year or once a quarter conferences will be held of representatives of all the diocesan associations at which all will profit by interchange of ideas and agree upon a uniform solution of problems met. Experts in various lines can also meet the State representatives in these conferences easier and with better results than if they waited to meet each diocesan union separately.

With these praiseworthy aims, it is needless to urge upon the Catholics of Rochester to give generously, even to increasing the amount they have been accustomed to give to the several individual Catholic charitable societies or institutions. A large fund can be distributed to better advantages than the same amount coming in dribs and drabs.

Splendid!

Rochester outdid herself in the wonderful high record established in subscription for Liberty Bonds. Probably, $4,000,000 more than the quota allotted to the Flower City by the Federal Reserve banks was taken in this city.

This is doing the bit with a vengeance: But it is no more than might have been expected from Rochester which never does anything by halves. Moreover, we have sent to the front hundreds of our boys whose lives have been placed at the disposal of their country. We who are not able to fight can do no less than to provide the funds with which to equip and feed these boys who are taking our places in the war for humanity.

Possibly, this war loan will suffice to end the war. Let us hope so. The news has reached this country that at last the American soldiers are on the firing line. Let us pray that their advent may turn the tide so swiftly that our enemies may realize the futility of longer warfare.

But whether the war ends now or later, Rochesterians will keep on lending their money to Uncle Sam in amounts sufficient to keep on taking care of our boys who are fighting our battle, for the preservation of our institutions, for home and country until the peace which shall last is here.

We'll Do Our Share.

Catholic housewives will do their part, of that there is no doubt, in conserving the country's food supply. As a matter of fact, most Catholic housewives have been doing far more than Mr. Hoover now asks. Most of them have been compelled to do so for years from sheer necessity in order that their rents may be paid, that children may be clothed and fed, that our Catholic schools may be maintained in addition to paying our share of the public taxes, in order that the Church may be properly supported.

To be sure, if we follow Mr. Hoover's request and observe a meatless Tuesday, we shall be doing double duty in this task of food conservation because for the centuries we have been abstaining from flesh food on every Friday in the year, on the Wednesdays and Fridays in Lent, on the Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays in ember weeks and before the holydays. As a matter of fact, Mr. Hoover would have been more consistent had he advocated meatless Fridays instead of meatless Tuesdays. But it may be that he foresaw a revolt, if Fridays had been suggested, on the part part of the narrow bigots who froth at the mouth if even a hint is thrown out that anything of a Catholic type would be a good thing to emulate. Perhaps, he thought that while the Catholics would abstain from meat on Fridays any way, if the others could be brought to abstain on Tuesdays then the whole nation would fast from meat one day in the week. But if it is seriously asked that Catholics abstain on both Fridays and Tuesdays, then, indeed, we would be asked to do a double turn which would not be exactly fair.

PATRICK CAULEY

Republican Candidate for Alderman in the First Ward.

Patrick Cauley, lawyer, of 61 Plymouth Avenue North, with offices at 311 Ellwanger and Barry Building, is the Republican candidate for re-election as Alderman of the First Ward of this city. Mr. Cauley was born in Ireland and came to this country an infant with his parents, who made their residence in this city.

The early education of Mr. Cauley was obtained in Public School No. 5 and the Christian Brothers' School, now the Cathedral Parochial School, and the De Graff Military School.

He has for many years been a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and was the County President for four years. He is a member of Branch 88, C. M. B. A., and has been President of the Central Council, C. M. B. A. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and a member of the Union Club. Adv.

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"I am very anxious to see the great State of New York set a great example in this matter".

Monsignor Mooney, Vicar-General of the Archdiocese of New York says:—"There is no reason whatever why any woman in the Church should not advocate Votes for Women, so long as she does it in an orderly lawful way. Whatever has been said on the subject by priests and members of the hierarchy has been said by them as individuals."

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