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Thirty Years.

The Catholic Journal entered upon its thirtieth year of journalistic existence last Friday. It was in 1888 that this paper was started.

To the many friends who have supported us in the thirty years past, who are living, we return heartfelt thanks. For those who are gone to their last reward, we pray that they may rest in peace.

The journey traveled by a Catholic paper is not always an easy one and many a good Catholic paper has been forced to suspend publication during the past year. The Sacred Heart Review and the Freeman's Journal both published for many years are notable examples.

The road is often rough and the obstacles appear unsurmountable, but the kindly sympathy of our sincere well-wishers has encouraged us and today the Catholic Journal has come to be an established entity among the newspapers of Rochester.

When the Catholic Journal was started one dollar was the regular established yearly subscription price of nearly all the weekly newspapers. Its publishers have continued to put out the Catholic Journal at One Dollar although prices of every thing that goes into it: paper, ink, rent, light, labor, mailing, all have increased in price, in many instances the cost has doubled. This has been made possible by generous advertising support accorded us by the business men of Rochester who realize the value as an advertising medium of such a publication as ours, where every line of it is read by every member of the subscriber's family. It is our hope that this may continue despite the changed conditions imposed by the war.

Whatever else may be certain, the Catholic paper should not be cut off. There is no other medium whereby you can obtain accurate Catholic news or find topics discussed from the Catholic standpoint. You owe it to your family to afford them an opportunity to keep informed as to Catholic thought, Catholic news and Catholic activities.

Pay In Advance

Because of the scarcity of newsprint paper and the consequent necessity for conservation, the War Industries Board has ruled that newspaper publishers must not accept 'return copies' from their agents, must not send out any free copies which means no copies to regular subscribers not ordered and paid for in advance—and must keep down the size of each issue, the publishers of the Catholic Journal must ask its subscribers to pay up their subscriptions promptly else the Post Office Department will not permit the papers of these subscribers to go through the mails.

We feel sure that our subscribers will co-operate with us in the service of the Government's ruling.

Organization.

Co-ordination and co-operation of all war activities are to be the aims of the National Catholic War Council which will have active supervision of all the work under Catholic auspices. The drives for funds, the K. of C. overseas work, the Catholic Red Cross work, the Catholic women's work, etc. In general, the National War Council will attend to the money raising for the active auxiliary work to the soldier boys while the actual work overseas will be in the hands of the Knights of Columbus. But there is war work in the home neighborhoods which the K. of C. cannot assume charge. There is the crying need for Catholic chaplains which only the Bishops can supply.

It is planned that there be a Diocesan War Council in each Diocese and a federation of Diocesan Councils in each Province. Representatives of these Provincial Councils will make up the advisory committee of the National Council. These Diocesan Councils will represent both the clergy and laity so that every possible agency which can aid and uphold the Catholic war activities may be utilized.

Bishop Hickey's lay aides in Rochester in this war work are representative Catholic men and include Grand Knight George Roche, of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, Hon. Eugene J. Dwyer, City Assessor, Joseph Fritsch, William E. Marjory and others equally well known.

Results attained will show that not only are the Catholic's 100 per cent patriots but 100 per cent efficient as well.

Not Inconsistent.

The late Archbishop Ireland very concisely differentiated between the Catholic's civil and religious faith. He said:

"Between my religious faith and my civil and political faith, between my creed and my country, it has been said, here is discord and contradiction, so that I must smother something of the one when I bid the other burst forth into ardent burning, that I must subtract something from my allegiance to the one when I bend my full energy in the service of the other. Those who so speak misunderstand either my creed or my country; they believe either the one or the other. I repeat my profession of faith—my religious faith, Catholicism, my civil and political faith—Americanism."

His Grace of St. Paul also made plain the fact that Catholic's have no objection to the public schools as such but they do object, on Catholic grounds, to the exclusion of religion from those schools and in order that their children may have religious instruction, Catholic's do not patronize the public schools but tax themselves double to build public schools and then to build, equip and maintain their own Catholic schools. Here is just what Monsignor Ireland said:

"It was said that the secularized schoolroom is the great shunning it, Catholics show lack of patriotism to America. The schoolroom, if you will, is the great American institution. To the schoolroom Catholics accord wholehearted devotion. In this devotion they yield to none among their fellow citizens. Far do they go than others of their fellow Americans. To have the schoolroom to which they may repair, they tax themselves doubly, they share in the maintenance of the secularized school from which others draw benefits, and then you outside of them will call on our subscribers next week. Kindly be prepared for the schoolroom where their faith

is in safety. The schoolroom is the American institution; the exclusion of religion from the schoolroom is not the American institution; to this exclusion only do Catholics make objection. Our reasons are no longer misunderstood in America.

"And their other charge was that American patriotism is barred from our schools. Facts, however, are too plainly seen to be doubted. No other schools there are in which America is more honored and loved than in the Catholic schools; no other schools there are in which the flag of America draws to itself more ardent love and devotion. Too plainly, also, to be doubted is this other fact, that when America is the issue of the battlefield, former pupils of our schools are there, in full proportions, to combat and to die. In Catholic schools patriotism is inculcated as a religion even more than a civic duty; the oath of allegiance to the country is taught to be an act of which Almighty God is the sovereign guardian."

American soldiers are holding their own to date with the British and French veterans.

What we lacked in rain in August was made up in September.

Will baseball come into its own after the war?

When tired out after a Liberty loan drive a Catholic paper to read is at once relaxation and an instruction.

Subscription to Liberty bonds is at once support of the Government, rebuke to the enemy and a fine investment of one's money.

Dr Garfield has done at last what should have been the first move of the fuel administration—speeding up the production of coal.

Rochester pioneers are learning that their profits will not stay with them.

Rochester's corps of doctors is slowly but surely depleting by reason of the demands of the military service.

Many a graduate of St. Mary's has fond recollections of the late Mother Dominica of the Order of Mercy.

Included in our prayers these days is one that the influenza epidemic may soon be stayed.

Politics are in the background while the Liberty loan campaign is on.

Colonel Roosevelt is not un-mindful of 1920 possibilities in his political activities for 1918.

There is no question of the 100 per cent patriotism of the two leading candidates for Governor of New York State.

At Nauvoo, Ill., every evening the Catholic Church bell tolls for the soldier boys who have died in France and Italy.

The Knights of Columbus have popularized their overseas work by the slogan over their huts—"Everything free."

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

October The Holy Rosary. 21st Sunday after Pentecost 13 St. Edward K. C. 11 M St. Callistus P. M. 15 T St. Teresa V. 16 W St. Gall Ab. 17 T St. Hedwiges W. 18 F St. Luke Evangelist 19 S St. Peter of Alcantara C.

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