Citizenship Education Without question, America stand in need of much more good citizenship education., It is surprising to find how

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Gettysburg address and other proclamations of our principles as a people except in a vague sort of way. We see Board of Trustees of Chamber of Com-hundreds of persons at patriotic gamerce Grants Permission for Council therings mumbling through the words -Will Strengthen Belationships Es of "The Star Spangled Banner," our tablished by Homelands. national anthem, because they do not

A group of men representing the know its words. Those Americans of homelands committee, the American foreign birth shame their brothers ization committee and the contributors born in this country by repeatedly dewho financed the Homelands Exhibi monstrating that they have more knowtion has petitioned the board of Trus ledge of these vital things than they. tees of the Chamber of Commerce for 'est will be the aim of the new counthe right to organize a new Chamber cil to try and arouse a deeper feeling of Commerce Council whose aims will for these written declarations and principles, our national songs, our na-

1-To strengthen the relationships tional emblems and our traditions established by the Homelands Exhibi-We want better and more intelligently

patriotic citizens, unified into a virile T 2-To establish and conduct a bu-whole through a common love of our reau in which the foreign born may great commonwealth,

be assisted in solving their problem, i "Representative citizens of the vari-3-To make the native born moreous homeland groups will be in the effectively conscious of their civic re-council and work together for better sponsibilities. citizenry as they did to make the

4 To continue and enlarge the work Homelands Exhibition a success. I work conducted in the past by the believe that Bochester by such organ-Americanization Committee of theiration will make itself a bright home of sound, intelligent, brotherly citi-

This permission has been granted by zenry. " the Chamber's Board of Trustees and The petitioners for the organization the petitioners have held a prelimin of the Better Citizenship Council are ary meeting to arrange for a meeting as follows: C. C. Beahan, Ednor A. some time next month to organize such Marsh, the Right Rev. Bishop Thomas a council. In discussing the question F. Hickey, James G. Cutler, Philip of a name which would conform to the Present, H. W. Bramley, James P. B aims of the new council, it was pointed Duffy, George W. Todd, George W out that, in view of the fact that the Robeson, H. W. Morgan, Simon N. term Americanization has caused much Stein, F. W. Lovejoy, R. Andrew confusion as to its exact meaning, Hamilton, Wilmot Castle, Nathan G. some other name for the council, one Williams, Elmer E. Fairchild,, Joseph which would not be in such danger of T. Alling, E. G. Miner, Edward Harris, being misunderstood, would be better Herbert J. Winn, James E. Glesson, With this in mind, the petitioners, at John A. Robertson, Carl F. Lomb.

the Catholic Church

the suggestion of James G. Cutler, tentatively adopted the name "Better Great Personalities of

Citizenship Council.** One of the objects in organizing the new council is to have a body which like the Homelands Exhibition organization, can be participated in by all Murillo, the Painter of the Immacu interested and all those who are em. late Conception. ployed in any work which will make Bartoeme Esteban Murillo is known their participation of especial value. as the painter of the Immaculate Con

The petitioners at their initial meet ception. Born at Seville, Spain, on ing elected Ednor A. Marsh, chairman December 31, 1617, only a few months of the Chamber's Americanization after the dogma of the Immaculate committee, as their chairman pro tem., Conception was solemnly promulgated and M. E. Bingeman, an assistant sec. for that country, his pre-eminence retary of the chamber, as secretary proseems to have been foreshadowd by the tem. Mr. Marsh heads a sub-commit flestag which took place in his mative tee consisting of James G. Cutler, Her. town before his birth. His art was bert J. Winn, Joseph T. Alling and M. certainly influenced by the time and E. Bingeman, which will draft a con environment in which he lived. stitution and by laws, to be presented Murillo's life, the purity and happiat a meeting to organize the Council, ness of which is reflected in the general

Developed Camaraderie "It was educational; it was inspira chiefly within the confines of his national; it was a developer of the cam tive and beloved Madrid. When in his araderie that Americans of all bloods twenties he set off on a journey to should have," declared a leading busi-study the great masters but he got no ness man who is one of the peitioners farther than Seville, where his comfor the organization of the council, in patriot, Valesquez secured him the prispeaking of the Homelands Exhibition vileges of the royal galleries, in which which, during its ten days was visited he had an opportunity to study the by over 160,000 persons—over half of works of Titian, Veronese, Tintoretto Rochester's population, and the enter- and Rubens, as well as those of Valestainments of which were participated quez himself. He returned to Seville in by over 1,000 persons, all of foreign in 1644 and left again but once, in 1681, when he journeyed to Cadix to birth or descent.

The Homelands Exhibition was a paint an altar for the Capuching which priceless gift to this city. Americans he never finished. A fall from his are truly the alloys of the best in many scaffolding, or a serious illness, suof the world's peoples and the display thorities differ in their accountsof the arts, crafts and life of the home caused him to return hurriedly to Selands from whence the citizens of this ville, where he died after a brief per-

country sprang brought to thousands iod of suffering in 1682. a deeper appreciation of the heritages Murillo was the national painter of of Americans and what this leaven has a country where all sentiment was still meant in the molding of our citizen-merged in that of religion. He was ship. Our new council will aim to wholly a religious painter, for which strengthen every citizen in Rochester, the exception of a few portraits and whether native or foreign born, in his some genre pieces, not one profane pieor her understanding of the basic printure of his is known to exist. His inciples upon which the United States is stinct and gift of story telling led him founded, to build brighter, stendier and to treat many of the gospel narratives more intelligent fires of patriotism, to and these he does in a manner which create a national spirit which is unsel-shows that he understood that the true

language of the gospel is the true lanfish in love of country. We in America are now a wonderful guage of the people. Notable among race welded out of the highest aspira-these works is the "Prodigal Son of tions of liberty-loving peoples. It the Hermitage.

matters not whether we or our fore. Murillo has treated the theme of the fathers came from Italy, Great Brit-Immaculate Conception more than ain, Germany, Austria, Greece, Poland, twenty times without ever repeating Lithuania, Russia, France, Canada, himsef or without ever wearying. Six South America, Africa or where. It versions are at Madrid, six at Seville, only matters that we are now sound, probably the best known is in the patriotic Americans who know and Louvre, and others are scattered in obey the constitution and laws of the various parts of Europe. As the mere

theological doctrine of the Immaculate "I feel that the Homelands Exhi-Conception naturally excludes materbition was one of the most enjoyable ial representation, the equivalent chosevents this city has ever known. It en was the theme of the Assumption. brought the citizens of Rochester into The pictorial treatment is said to have closer contact and during that Ameri-been determined, in its main outlines, can week at Exposition Park we all by a vision vouchsafed a Franciscan I gained a new and most pleasant spirit monk in the sixteenth century and of brotherhood in the nationality we many examples of it are found among love so fervently. Now it is our pur-earlier paintings.

pose to form a better citizenship coun- It is of interest to American Cathocil so as to get into one permanent lies that a full-size mosaic copy of body all Rochesterians who should take Murillo's most famous treatment of part in or interest themselves in the the Immaculate Conception, the wift education of citizens to fuller appre of Pope Benedict XV and the first diciation of their country, knowledge of papel gift of its kind ever to come to tits fundamental principles of govern-the United States, is to be placed in ment and how we may best serve our the sanctuary of the National Shrine I mighty national motherhood. Such a of the Immaculate Conception at the council will co-ordinate the work now Catholic University. The mosaic will being done by various organizations be executed in the famous workshop at the Vatican. and make it more effective.

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