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Do Likewise!

It is needless to say more than to reprint on our editorial page, the following despatch sent out by the National Welfare Council's Catholic News Service:— The new Reitz Memorial Catholic High School, a gift to the youth of Evansville, Ind., by Francis J. Reitz, will be dedicated with elaborate ceremony on New Year's day. At the same time Mr. Reitz will be invested with the insignia of a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Gregory the Great, an honor recently conferred upon him by Pope Pius XI. Solemn High Mass will be celebrated in the auditorium of the new building during which time the Rt. Rev. Joseph Chartrand, Bishop of Indianapolis, will preach the dedication sermon. After the religious services a banquet will be served in the cafeteria below the auditorium. It is expected that at least a thousand guests will be present. Mr. Reitz, whose generosity made the new building possible, has made donations to virtually every Catholic institution in Evansville. He is now 83 years old and is one of the city's foremost citizens.

Should Be Changed

This year's experience of Monroe County residents in securing new license plates for their automobiles makes it imperative that changes be made in the law and method of distribution. In the first place: If the County clerk is to be the distributing agent then there should be an allowance made for extra clerical assistance and for extra space for distribution of the plates so that prompt service can be given. It was an inexorable outrage that applicants had to stand in line for hours this year. In the second place: New license plates should be available for distribution. An army of clerks and cashiers could not have handed out the Monroe County plates to nearly 180,000 motorists from December 15 to January 1. In the third place: The law should be changed so that February 1 be the limit for procuring new plates. Holiday season entails great expense and people are busy. In the fourth place: Instead of arrest or warning to lay up one's car until a new license plate is had, why not impose a money penalty for failure to procure license plate, just as it costs extra to pay taxes after the allotted time. Lastly: Common sense and tact are necessary in administration of the motor vehicle law, just as in administration of all laws.

Not So Bad

Will Rogers, the cowboy-comedian writer, who is coining money himself these days, handed out this neat hit at the expense of Wall Street:— Now, children, this Xmas Carol was written after Xmas and before New Years but I bet you that I can tell you what happened on New Year's. Mr. Gary of the Steel Trust made a speech somewhere, (the same one) and predicted prosperity for the coming year; told how their orders had increased over the year previous; said he was by heart an optimist; and was very optimistic of the future; Lord, who wouldn't be optimistic with his dough? Now if we look at this New Year's I will have every reader expect to be in the red at any expense. Now you see if it was right. His speech will be on the front page of every paper. He predicts it every year, and every year they take up more money for the winter is making up for lost time.

Streets and Storage

These suggestions on a timely topic made by the Rochester "Times-Union" will arouse opposition and provoke discussion:— One of the biggest problems in connection with traffic congestion in the large cities is that disposition of motor vehicles while drivers and passengers are engaged in business in offices or stores. The number of machines left standing at curbs contributes largely to congestion and lessens the road space available for use of moving motor cars. In proportion as this number of parked cars is reduced, additional space is provided for cars in operation. Some drivers consider it a hardship not to be allowed to park in the business district of cities. Of course, convenience would be served for some if all were allowed to park when and where and for as long as they please, but such freedom would operate to the very great inconvenience of large numbers who were so unfortunate as not to arrive in time to get a parking space before it was all taken up. When parking time is reduced to a minimum or absolutely forbidden in business centers of large cities, the convenience of the greatest number is best served. Although it is true that strict enforcement of parking regulations is both difficult and costly, it is equally true that an economic end is served in that limitation of parking saves dollars worth of time for users of streets, for it should be borne clearly in mind that streets are intended primarily for the use of moving vehicles, and not for the storage of those not in use for several hours at a time.

Good Sentiment

Charles Kingsley gives this good sentiment not only for New Year, but also for every day in every year:— Thank God every morning when you get up that you have something to do that must be done, whether you like it or not. Being forced to work and forced to do your best will breed in you temperance of will, content, and a hundred virtues that idle men will never know.

Slave To Fashion

According to a dire prediction by the Rochester "Herald", men are really as much slaves to fashion as are the weaker sex. Just listen: It will be recalled that gloomy forebodings of commercial disaster appeared from time to time after the war, in connection with stories that returned soldiers refused to wear collars, other than the soft variety. It is also a matter of common knowledge that the broad-nosed army soldier thinks to millions of feet from which said feet have not yet fully recovered. There is still a considerable demand for square-ended shoes among a gallant remnant of the returned veterans who refuse to cramp their toes under shoe polish, no matter what price concessions may be made. But vanity is winning for shoes, as it has over soft shirts and collars, and while the stiff collars go back in place, shiny, pointed shoes resume their accustomed popularity on the avenues. There is also the story of evening dress that for a time seemed to be falling into the discard. Stiff shirt bosoms were anathema to men lately returned from the comfort of soft flannels. They stubbornly refused to wear the "hard boiled" white attire traditionally associated with social usage. They wore soft shirts, generally white, sometimes plain. They also wore the short coat at formal parties, scorning the long-tailed garment recommended by tailors. But all that is being changed. Tradition will have its way, even in America. Stiff white bosoms are coming back, likewise wing collars, white ties, gloves, waistcoats and long tails. There is something pathetic about the surrender of man to the dictates of fashion. It was a hard battle, but the forces of General Precedent were too strong for the gallant rebels who would have overthrown the iron rule of the tailors.

Why all the terrible furore about the Japanese just now? If they are eligible for admission as immigrants, why not the Chinese? No one is taking up the oratorical cudgels for the Chinese, that we have noticed yet. China has a record of friendliness toward America just as fine as that of Japan. Apparently, Mr. Volstead's law did not prevent Rochesterians from securing their accustomed New Year's supply of wet goods even with a new prohibition agent in charge. Evidently, the Rochester News-Writers intend to pan everybody indiscriminately at their Roastfest.

Aquinas Institute is commented upon by all who travel Dewey Avenue these days.

Is it possible that the newly incorporated Alpha Pi Sigma Society is to be a cloak to enable the Klux Klan to conceal its membership and records under the Walker Law? John Jay Chapman's charge that "it is the outspoken purpose of the Roman (Catholic) Church to control American education" has been challenged repeatedly, even by leading non-Catholics, but Mr. Chapman has produced no proof up to date.

Just before Christmas twelve convert-students in the University of Illinois, made public profession of faith and were received into the Catholic Church by Rt. Rev. Joseph Schrembs at Mass in the University Chapel.

While it is true that publishers seek to give their readers what they want and are willing to buy in the way of news or special articles, nevertheless some magazines and papers that cater to a decent taste seem to flourish and increase in population.

The Union and Times says "Prohibition is no joke. It is a serious situation, more serious than we like to imagine."

Wall street speculations are real glad that President Coolidge was re-elected.

Neva Miller is lecturing to non Catholics on alleged imprisonment in Catholic Homes of the Good Shepherd Police records of Grand Rapids and Detroit, Mich. show that Neva Van Inwegen was committed to both homes by a judge on charges duly preferred and sustained.

The Paulist Choristers delighted the Christmas luncheon club of New York.

It was more difficult this year to secure 1925 automobile license plates than it was to do Christmas shopping.

Justice McKenna Retires From U. S. Supreme Tribunal

Washington, Jan. 5.—The retirement of Associate Justice McKenna of the United States Supreme Court, brings an end to the official life of a distinguished American Catholic. Mr. McKenna is in his eighty-second year and has served on the highest judicial body in the nation for nearly twenty-seven years. He was named for the Supreme Court by President McKinley after he had served as Attorney General in the latter's Cabinet. Prior to that time he has been a member of Congress and a United States Circuit Judge. Born in Philadelphia, where he received his early education in Catholic schools, Mr. McKenna moved to California with his parents when he was twelve years old. There he entered the Benicia Colliery Institute, where he studied law. Despite his advanced age, Mr. McKenna's unusually robust health has enabled him to carry on his heavy duties up to the present time. A few months ago the death of his wife added an additional burden of sorrow and loneliness which made him decide to lay aside the burdens of office. His resignation has been accepted by President Coolidge who has nominated Attorney General Stone to fill the vacancy thus created on the Supreme Bench.

Bishop Of Savannah Withdraws Chaplain

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 29.—Bishop Keyes has issued the following statement concerning the withdrawal of Father Thomas P. Hayden as chaplain of the Atlanta Penitentiary:—"The Bishop of Savannah wishes to state that as soon as he had authoritative information from press reports that Father Hayden, who was temporarily fulfilling the duties of chaplain at the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, was in any way connected with the grand jury investigation, he realized that Father Hayden's usefulness at the penitentiary had come to an end. He therefore withdrew Father Hayden's appointment as chaplain." It is understood that Father Hayden testified before the grand jury investigating charges against the Warden and Deputy Warden.

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Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Sunday, January 11.—St. Theodosius was born in Cappadocia in 423. The example of Abraham urged him to leave his country, and his desire to follow Jesus Christ attracted him to the religious life. He became eventually the Superior of the religious communities of Palestine. Theodosius accommodated himself so carefully to the characters of his subjects that his reproofs were loved rather than dreaded. But once he was obliged to separate from the communion of the others a religious guilty of a grave fault, instead of humbly accepting his sentence, the monk was arrogant enough to pretend to excommunicate Theodosius in revenge. Theodosius thought not of indignation, nor of his own position, but meekly submitted to this false and unjust excommunication. The Saint was noted for his great charity and his care for the sick.

Monday, January 12.—St. Aelred, Abbot, left the court of St. David, King of Scotland, to join the Cistercian Order. At the command of his superiors he composed his great works, the "Spiritual Friendship" and the "Mirror of Charity." In the latter he says that true love of God is only to be obtained by joining ourselves in all things to the Passion of Christ. Aelred died in 1167, founder and Abbot of Rievaulx, the most austere monastery in England, and Superior of some three hundred monks.

Tuesday, January 13.—St. Veronica of Milan, was the daughter of a peasant family near Milan. She was blessed with constant ecstasies and visions, which, however, did not interfere with her daily labors. She was admitted as a lay sister in the convent of St. Martha at Milan. Her duties were to beg through the city for the sustenance of the Sisters in the Convent. She died in 1497, on the day she had foretold.

Wednesday, January 14.—St. Hilary of Poitiers, was born and educated a pagan and did not embrace Christianity until near middle age. He entered Holy Orders and was chosen Bishop of his native city in 353. Because he upheld the orthodox cause against Arianism in several Gallic councils he was banished by the Emperor Constantius to Phrygia. In exile he composed his great works on the Trinity. After a great personal triumph at the Council of Seleucia, he was allowed to return to Gaul where he died in 368.

Thursday, January 15.—St. Paul, the first hermit, was born in upper Egypt about the year 230. He retired into the desert during the persecutions and finding himself suited to the solitary life of prayer and penance, he remained there. Many remarkable things are related of his manner of life and death.

Friday, January 16.—St. Honoratus, Archbishop, was of a consular Roman family settled in Gaul. Returning from the world he founded the famous monastery of Lerins on the small island known as St. Honor. He was, by compulsion, consecrated Archbishop of Arles in 426 and died in 429.

Saturday, January 17.—St. Antony, Patriarch of Monks, was born in 251. He gave away his vast possessions and entered the desert to perfect himself in the life of the spirit. He wore sackcloth and sheepskin, and he often knelt in prayer from sunset to sunrise. Many souls flocked to him for advice, and after twenty years of solitude he consented to guide them in holiness. Thus he became the founder of the first monastery. His numerous miracles attracted such multitudes that he fled again into solitude where he lived by manual labor. He died peacefully at a very advanced age.

Catholic Club Sends Mementos of Return Of Card. Hayes to Pope

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) New York, Dec. 31.—The Catholic Club of New York has sent to Pope Pius XI two mementos of the city's celebration on the occasion of the return of Cardinal Hayes after his elevation to the Sacred College, Martin Conboy, president of the club, has announced. One of the gifts is the medal which the club had struck in commemoration of the Cardinal's elevation. The other is a vellum-bound book containing the addresses delivered at the dinner the club tendered the Cardinal Hayes at the Waldorf-Astoria. On the cover appears the coat-of-arms of His Holiness. We Will Be Pleased to Publish Any News Of Catholic Clubs, Meetings, Luncheons or Parties. To Be Given. Send All Items To Catholic Journal Pub. Co., 113 N. Water Street.

Archp. Moeller Of Cincinnati Called to Reward

Prelate Not Only Developed His Own Special Charge, But Was Active In Many Church Movements of National Scope.

Cincinnati, Jan. 6.—The Most Rev. Henry Moeller, Archbishop of Cincinnati, died here last night. He was seventy-five years old and had been Archbishop of Cincinnati, since 1904. He was the fourth Ordinary of the Cincinnati diocese and the third Archbishop to rule over it since it was raised to the dignity of an archiepiscopal see.

The late Archbishop was a native of Cincinnati and practically all of his life, which included forty-nine years in the priesthood, was spent within the limits of the Archdiocese over which he later ruled.

After being graduated from St. Xavier's College here in 1869 the then young Henry Moeller was sent to Rome as one of the first students at the American College there. In that institution he won the highest scholastic honors in competitive examination with the students from other colleges in the Eternal city.

On June 10, 1876 the future Archbishop was ordained to the Catholic priesthood in the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran in Rome. Returning to the United States he was appointed by Archbishop Purcell as pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Bellefontaine, Ohio, and a few months later was made a member of the faculty of St. Mary's Seminary Cincinnati, where he remained for two years. For a short time in 1880 he was Secretary to the late Bishop Chatard of Indianapolis, and was then named Secretary to the Archbishop of Cincinnati and Chancellor of the Archdiocese.

In August, 1900 came his elevation to the ranks of the Episcopate, as Bishop of Columbus. Three years later he was made titular Archbishop of Aropolis and Coadjutor "cum iure successione" to Archbishop Elder of Cincinnati. On October 31, 1904 when Archbishop Elder died, Archbishop Moeller succeeded to the see.

Under the rule of Archbishop Moeller the Cincinnati Archdiocese grew steadily in numbers and prosperity. When Archbishop Elder died there were 312 priests in the Archdiocese; today there are 450. Twenty years ago there were 184 churches under the jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Cincinnati; today there are 221. Schools and colleges, asylums and charitable institutions have increased in proportion and in efficient service adapted to changing needs. Three great projects for which the late Archbishop had a particular devotion have all been realized during his lifetime. They were the establishment of a Grand Seminary, now realized in the new Mount St. Mary Seminary of the West; a club for young men, which has become a reality in the famous Fenwick Club; and a school for the deaf which has also been realized in the St. Rita School for the Deaf.

In Catholic activities outside of his own Archdiocese the late Archbishop took a prominent part. He was closely identified with Catholic missionary activities and was President of the Executive Board of the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade.

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Developing Irish Fishing Industry

Dublin, Dec. 26.—Rev. C. J. White, parish priest of Roundstone, Galway County, president of the Irish National Fishermen's Association, has issued a call to all Irishmen to contribute to the Association which grew out of the activities of Father Eugene MacSweeney. Father White points out that the wealth of the sea is not a wealth which has to be discovered or even made, it is there waiting to enrich the whole country if the fishing industry is properly fostered and developed. Already the campaign conducted by the Association has resulted in steps being taken by the central authorities to suppress illegal trawling.

The Archbishop of Dublin and the Archbishop of Tuam are among those who have subscribed to the funds of the organization.

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