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Not To Be Commended

A Catholic exchange is not inclined to commend a strenuous plan of advertising suggested by Lou E. Holland, president of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World.

While advertising may induce people to prefer one brand of chewing gum or tobacco or breakfast food to another, there is not a scintilla of proof that the morals of a nation can be changed for the better by commercial methods.

Advertise religion as you advertise some common ware, and it will simply become contemptible in the eyes of the masses, as it became suspicious and hateful to them in Europe when they realized that those in power desired to see it applied as a sedative.

Mr. Holland and his confreres are no doubt interested in the welfare and moral progress of our country. If they will spend ten minutes each evening for a week browsing through "The Imitation of Christ" by Thomas A. Kempis they will realize that religious and moral advancement is not dependent on advertising.

Editor Honored

We are glad to announce that at least one Catholic editor has received deserved recognition. Cardinal Mundelein has given out that Rev. Thomas V. Shannon, editor of the Chicago "New World" has been made a domestic prelate to Pope Pius XI.

Monsignor Shannon was born in Chicago in 1874, receiving his education at Annunciation parish school, St. Ignatius College, St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore. A post-graduate course followed at the Catholic University, preceding his ordination in 1897.

As Assistant pastor he served at St. James and St. Malachy parishes. In October, 1913, he was appointed pastor of St. Francis Xavier parish, Wilmette, being transferred to the pastorate of St. Thomas-Apostle parish in 1916.

He has been editor of The New World since 1913 and is serving as vice-president of the Catholic Press Association.

He has the degree of LL.D. from both Loyola and Notre Dame universities, is captain of the governor's staff and a member of the board of the examiners of the clergy.

During the war he served as representative of the Church on the Liberty Loan and Red Cross war work, and after the war was appointed a member of the government commission to go abroad. He is a member of the University and the Press clubs.

Monsignor Blerman is pastor of St. Thomas Church, Evanston, and a member of the diocesan board of trustees.

Stallings and Haggood are not only good ball managers but they are good Catholic gentlemen.

Seventy pilgrims to Rome for the Holy Year have been received by the Holy See.

"Society" Beware!

The satiated society satellites who have taken up the fad of birth control—alias of race suicide—should beware lest they create a Frankenstein that will turn and rend them in twain.

The "Union and Times" forcibly points out this fact together with a severe denunciation of the fad as follows:—

The adherents of birth control are gaining strength in this country and are arousing at the same time, interest in a cause that will tear the very foundations from a government that will listen to the wiles of this diabolical fiend. Satan has changed his name to Sanger and goeth about in the dress of a woman seeking out wives that will destroy the life of the unborn. It is a devilish business, conceived in hell and given birth in the abortive mind of an apostate.

And so-called "society" is taking to it—not to produce a finer type of human being but to free itself of the primary obligation of the marriage state.

This Sanger woman was formerly a Catholic. Her father and mother raised a family of twelve children in a small city outside of Rochester. Before her marriage her name was Higgins—which only goes to prove that when a man and woman with Irish blood in their veins, fall from grace, they fall far and hard.

If the American people, and particularly the millions outside the Catholic Church, have even the semblance of national pride or hope for national stability they will fight the doctrines of this modern Melchus to preserve this country from the inevitable ruin that accompanies the limitation of the family.

There is not a spiritual, economic, social or natural reason that can ever change the Divine law. "Increase and multiply"—the first command given by God after the creation of the human race. It is not for a man or a woman or a government to determine how many children the parents must bring into the world. God decides that. It is not for a man or woman to prevent the natural law from functioning according to Omnipotent Command. To trifle with that law is question that command is to defy Divine Providence and to destroy the work of the Master of the universe.

Let this be perfectly plain. Sodom and Gomorrah, Tyre and Sidon, were not guilty of a sin such as infanticide. The only instance parallel to it in human history was the fall of the Roman Empire, when the paganistic conception of morality permitted the destruction of innocent children at the hands of their parents. We are supposed to be living in a Christianized and civilized nation. Christianity and humanity mean anything to us, we will rise above a practice that shuts out the light of human life and makes the mother the murdered of her own offspring.

They do say Philip J. Donnelly is considered in connection with appointment to the new County Judgeship created by the Legislature of 1925.

Bishop Hickey's appeal for the Community Chest success should carry great weight.

Now we shall soon see whether New York State's much advertised barge canal really is of benefit as a counter-irritant to the railroads.

Ambassador Houghton's advice to the peoples of Europe should be heeded.

Catholic Student Best Judge of Live Stock In University

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Champaign, Ill., May 8.—Edward J. Bales, a junior in the College of Agriculture at the University of Illinois here and a member of Phi Kappa national Catholic fraternity, won first place in the fifth annual stock judging contest and the best score in the special, cattle judging contest. He also scored highest in the judging of both cattle and sheep in the regular classes.

Concerning the Catholic student's achievement, the Chicago Tribune says: "Though only a junior in the school, he has the distinction of being the best student judge of live stock in the entire university."

Bales is a member of the congregation of St. John's Catholic student church in Champaign, of which the shrine of the Columbus Foundation is pastor. His home is in Maywood, Ill.

"Un-American"

Cardinal Hayes is a deep and sane thinker. In a recent interview granting the famous newspaper man Louis Seibold and published in the New York "Evening Post" his Eminence took a broad and deeply interested but untroubled view of movements of intolerance.

"I am not particularly concerned over the effect of such movements on Christianity. Religion has triumphed over similar agitations throughout history. The Church will survive present and future attacks of this character. But I am deeply concerned over the effect of such agitations on America and its institutions. Such ventures are wholly un-American, and show little appreciation for the great sacrifices made by immigrants of many faiths who have made this country a source of pride among those who live within its borders and the envy of those less happily situated.

"I believe that the spirit of tolerance with which the Catholics of this country have met false issues raised by hostile groups reflecting no opinions or prejudices except their own has been the proper way to treat the subject."

Calling attention to the great number of Catholics in New York City, His Eminence said they were mainly intent on living decent, upright lives, obeying the simple teachings of Christ and daily showing their respect for law and order. He then related an incident to show the care which with "we seek to teach the children love of country and reverence to its institutions."

"It is a trifle unorthodox," he chuckled, "but I am sure that you will appreciate it."

The incident was that of a ten-year-old boy being questioned by a judge before taking an oath. Finally the judge asked, said His Eminence: "Well suppose you don't tell the truth. What do you think will happen to you then?"

"Oh, I know what will happen to me then, judge," said the boy. "My father will lick me, you'll send me to jail and God will send me to hell."

"The little boy covered the entire ground, Christian and patriotic," was the cardinal's comment. "Volumes could not teach a better Christian lesson."

Body of Bernadette Soubiroux Exhumed

Paris, May 1.—The body of Bernadette Soubiroux, who saw the visions at Lourdes, and who is soon to be beatified, was exhumed recently at the Mother House of the Sisters of Charity of Nevers.

Under the presidency of the Bishop of Nevers and in the presence of the members of the ecclesiastical tribunal, the students of the Great Seminary, two representatives of the municipality and the Superior General of the Order, the physicians and the workmen charged with opening the casket, gave oath to accomplish faithfully the task assigned to them. The group then went in procession to the chapel of Saint Joseph, situated in the enclosure of the community, where the body of the Venerable Bernadette, in religion Sister Marie Bernard, has reposed for 46 years.

The Bishop read the sentence pronouncing excommunication against any one who would dare to take anything at all out of the casket containing the body of the venerable nun. The stone of the tomb was then taken away, and the casket was draped in white and adorned with lilies. The seminarians, wearing their surplices and carrying candles, marched in front of the body, singing the psalms of the Office of Virgins. Eight seminarians carried the casket. The body was borne in procession through the gardens and cloisters to a private oratory in the interior of the convent.

The casket was opened and the body was found intact, but the flesh had turned very dark, almost black. The examination was made by the physicians who drew up a report of their findings.

At six o'clock in the evening seals were placed on the door of the oratory and will remain until such time as the future beatified nun may be exposed in her reliquary to the veneration of the faithful.

Gibbons Institute Holds Free Dental Clinic On May Day

Ridge, Md., May 7.—May 1, designated National Child Health Day, was observed here at the Cardinal Gibbons Institute, Catholic school for colored youth, by the holding of a free dental clinic for the Institute students and the people of the community.

Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days

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

Sunday, May 17.—St. Paschal Baylon, from early childhood was marked out for the service of God. Admiring his daily labors he found time to evangelize the rude herdsmen who kept their flocks on the hills of Aragon. He entered the Franciscan Order but remained a lay-brother because of his humility. His distinguishing characteristic was an ardent love and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

Monday, May 18.—St. Venantius Martyr, was born at Camerino in Italy. At the age of fifteen he was seized as a Christian and was carried before a magistrate and tortured in an effort to make him renounce his faith. After he had been miraculously saved from death several times he was beheaded on orders of the governor. His martyrdom occurred in the year 250.

Tuesday, May 19.—St. Peter Celestine, as a child was honored by visions of the Blessed Virgin and angels and saints. At the age of twenty he took up a solitary life which he led for three years. At the end of that time disciples flocked to him and he gave them a rule of life which formed the foundation of the Celestine Order. He was unexpectedly elevated to the Papal Throne and took the name of Celestine but after a reign of four months he called his Cardinals about him and solemnly resigned his trust. He then built himself a cell in his palace in which he spent the remainder of his life.

Wednesday, May 20.—St. Bernardine of Siena, a Franciscan Friar of noble birth, who spent his youth in works of mercy and later through his great eloquence won many converts for the Church. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin, he was cured of an impediment of speech. He died in 1444.

Thursday, May 21.—St. Hooptius, recluse, isolated himself in an old tower near Villafranca one league from Nice. He girded himself with a heavy iron chain and lived on bread and dates alone. During Lent he would redouble these austerities. Because of his great virtues he was accorded the gift of prophecy. He died in 881.

Friday, May 22.—St. Yvo, Conceptor descended from a noble and virtuous family near Regener in Brittany. He went to Paris when fourteen years old and later studied at Orleans. He made a private vow of perpetual chastity but since this was not known many honorable matches were proposed to him. He rejected them all as incompatible with his studious life. His great humility made him desire to remain in lesser orders but by express command of Bishop he was ordained. He was named ecclesiastical judge at Rennes where he distinguished himself by his great solicitude for the poor. He died in 1308.

Saturday, May 23.—St. Julia Virgin and Martyr, was sold as a slave to a Syrian merchant when her native Carthage was captured by Genseric in 439. Her virtue and fidelity gained the respect of her master who took her with him into Gaul. She was killed by order of the Governor of Corsica because she refused to be defiled by superstitious pagan ceremonies which she openly reviled.

United Synagogue Reaffirms Stand on Religious Education

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

Atlantic City, N. J., May 8.—Reaffirming its stand that no education can be complete with religious instruction excluded, the United Synagogue of America, holding its annual convention here, this week presented on record as opposed to religious education in the public schools.

Religious training is essential but it is the function of the parents, the United Synagogue declared. Its resolution was as follows: "The United Synagogue of America takes this opportunity to reaffirm the Jewish principle that no education is complete without religious education, and that it is the duty of all parents to provide their children with spiritual as well as secular training."

"We stand also within the American tradition which maintains the complete separation of church and state as a means of safeguarding the liberty of its citizens, and according to which the secular training of the child and his preparation for citizenship remains the task of the parent and the church with which he is affiliated."

"We feel that any attempt to link up the public school system with religious education is a departure from the American tradition which, however innocent in its beginning, may lead to grave consequences."

The resolution was passed after a discussion by Rabbi Samuel M. Cohen of New York, who conducted an extensive survey on the subject. "No amount of external pressure can strengthen real religious feeling," he said. "If religion is not sufficiently virile to attract and maintain the loyalty of humanity, no pressure brought by the state will help. Mere suasion on the part of the public schools, equivalent to compulsion, can have no lasting effect. If anything, the ultimate tendency will be toward revolt from all religious influences."

The United Synagogue also went on record as approving the establishment in Palestine of a synagogue center, with a gymnasium, auditorium and social rooms.

Charity of America Praised at Banquet By Msgr. Barry-Doyle

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

Washington, May 8.—The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Barry-Doyle, founder and director of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, praised the charity of the American people but declared that the Allied nations had "betrayed the Greek people."

At the banquet of the directors of the Association at the Willard hotel here Tuesday, "A million and a half Greeks have been sold for a mess of pottage," the director declared.

Monsignor Barry-Doyle, who served as chaplain in the World War, is a half-brother of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and a descendant of Commodore John Barry, American naval hero.

He believes education is the only solution of the Near East problem. In his address here he declared he will not rest until every child in Greece has a home, a school and the benefits of religious instruction, which will rebuild the nation. He reported that \$150,000 has been raised and 1,000,000 persons enlisted in the Near East campaign he is conducting.

While here the Monsignor was received by President Coolidge, who talked with him at length and expressed keen interest in his work. He will depart June 13 for Rome, where he will be for three weeks and where he will confer with Bishop Calvasi of Constantinople, another leader in the campaign to save the Near East refugees. After the Armistice Monsignor Barry-Doyle was chaplain to the British forces in Constantinople, and it was there that he acquired his intense interest in the plight of the refugees.

John Barton Payne, chairman of the American Red Cross; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. H. T. Drumgoole, Brainard Salmon and Edward F. Maguire, treasurer of the Near East Association, also spoke at the banquet, of which Michael Francis Doyle was toastmaster.

Expressing the deepest thanks for the Catholic Near East work, M. Simopoulos, Greek Minister to the United States, said: "Upon behalf of the refugees of Asia Minor, as well of the people of Greece, I wish to express grateful appreciation for all that you as a nation are doing, and most of all I wish to thank your leader for the spirit of self-sacrifice which has induced him to consecrate his life to this work for the little children."

"Monsignor Barry-Doyle's example of unselfish devotion to the cause of humanity is an inspiration to all," he added.

Werl Pays Tribute To "Mother of City" Hedwig Dransfeld

Washington, May 7.—Word has been received at the headquarters of the National Council of Catholic Women of the death at Werl, Westphalia, of Hedwig Dransfeld, teacher, writer, leader of the Catholic women of Germany, vice-president of the Center Party, and member of the Reichstag.

Miss Dransfeld was a visitor to the United States about two years ago, and stopped in Washington, where, with her companion, Miss Helene Weber, also a member of the Reichstag, she was entertained at the German Embassy, and at the headquarters of the N. C. W.

It is stated that Werl, where she had taught for years in the Ursuline Convent, and where she was buried had never seen such a manifestation as was witnessed at her funeral. Delegations from the Catholic women's organizations all over Germany, from the Reichstag, the Center Party, the Bavarian Peoples Party, of the Catholic Teachers' Union and several other bodies attended. The Cardinal of Cologne sent a delegate to represent him, as did also the Bishop of Paderborn, who wrote a remarkable eulogy of this noble woman which was read in the church. The deputation from the Reichstag and from the Landtag were large and included practically all the women members of both assemblies.

The Mayor of Werl, all the city officials and practically the entire population accompanied the casket to the grave. Early in the day the report says, not a single flower was to had in Werl, everything having been made into wreaths. The inscriptions on these were most touching. The wreath sent by the Mayor bore the words: "To the Mother of Our City," while that of the Catholic women said "Her Work Goes On."

The wonderful work accomplished by the Catholic women of Germany since the war, the brilliant example of their organization and unity, are due, above all, to the powerful leadership of Hedwig Dransfeld. Her loss is a national loss, and her example will be an inspiration to future generations.

St. Louis Association For Colored Schools Seeks Incorporation

St. Louis, Mo., May 4.—A petition was filed in the Circuit Court of Judge Landwehr on Wednesday, asking for articles of incorporation for the Peter Claver School Association, an archdiocesan organization, having Most Rev. Archbishop John J. Glennon as the chairman of its Board of Directors. The Board of Directors has fifteen members, seven clergy men and seven laymen in addition to the chairman.

The petition announces the purpose of the Association "to establish, maintain and regulate grade schools and institutions of higher education for negro children in the archdiocese of St. Louis," and to assist Catholic churches for colored people in such ways as may be found practical.

The application for incorporation shows that the following residents of St. Louis are officers of the Association: President, Fred. F. Kenkel; Secretary, Joseph F. Breakland; Treasurer, Henry Stemer.

First Beatified In Holy Year Won Regard of Irish

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

Bishop of Bobbio Did Much To Spread Glory of St. Columban, Irish Monk Who Had Made City Famous By His Works

Rome, May 2.—Blessed Anthony Mary Glanelli, Bishop of Bobbio, whose beatification on April 19, reported in the cable dispatches of the N. C. W. C. News Service, was the first of the Holy Year ceremonies of this kind, won, even in his lifetime, the veneration of a nation other than his own.

The Italian people he is a type of the model pastor and bishop and founder of a religious community—the Daughters of Maria dell'Orto. By Irishmen the world over he is regarded with particular gratitude because of the honor shown him to the memory of St. Columban, the famous Irish monk who had founded a monastery at Bobbio and whose disciples are credited with having founded a hundred other monastic houses in Europe.

No sooner had the Blessed Glanelli arrived at Bobbio than he began at once to honor the Saint with particular devotion, putting him among his principal protectors. In every way he tried to make the devotion to the patron saint of his diocese more. He often visited the Saint's tomb. Besides the many homilies delivered at Pontifical Mass on Feast Days there remain three of his discourses which are replete with the sincerest piety towards the Saint and a devout hymn which he composed. Blessed Glanelli wished to give expression to his devotion by contemplating the sacred relics of Columban's body which had been sealed for four centuries in a marble urn, and to allow his people an opportunity to see and venerate them.

On the night of December 29, 1843, in the presence of ten priests and seven laymen, who, invited by the Bishop, had prepared themselves for the recognition by fasting and long prayers, he opened the urn and took out the bones of the Saint, in number 82, which the pious Bishop blessed with great emotion and piety, replacing them in a new and precious urn of wood and gilded, lined with a silver cloth embroidered in gold.

After the recognition of the relics of St. Columban the Blessed Glanelli thought only of celebrating with the greatest solemnity possible, the festivals in honor of St. Columban during the first fifteen days of September of the next year. He first wrote the life of the Saint in the few free hours between the anxieties of the pastoral visits. He then had aims collected for the restoration of the Basilica of the Saint and even obtained help from the municipality of Bobbio for this purpose. The same year he celebrated in the Cathedral the second synod in the three days that immediately preceded the Festival, sanctified the clergy by an extraordinary course of spiritual exercises and his people by a solemn mission, at which he preached the principal sermons.

Thus the people were ready to celebrate the festival with a true spirit of faith and devotion. The Bishop asked and obtained from Pope Gregory XVI a plenary indulgence for those who visited the Basilica in the first fifteen days of September.

Before beginning the festival he went in pious pilgrimage to visit the two grottoes—some miles from Bobbio—where the holy Abbot used to retire to have intimate union with God. He had so much faith in the powerful intercession of the Saint, that wishing to prove it on the occasion of the festival, he opened an official register and noted therein the most noted graces received, which were fourteen.

Catholic Lad Hailed As Leading Boy In City of Philadelphia

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

Philadelphia, Pa., May 7.—A Catholic lad of sixteen who is the uncompensated support of a family of eight has been added to Philadelphia's official roll of boy heroes. Friday night he was awarded a medal and before an audience of thousands was pronounced by Mayor Kendrick "Philadelphia's most distinguished boy citizen."

He is Frank Norton, who works daily at the Bellevue-Stratford hotel here and turns over his earnings to his mother that she, his father and five other children may live. The father for many months has been too ill to work.

The honor awarded Friday was the annual Boy Award Medal, regarded as a citation for distinguished service to home, city and Nation. This is the second year it has been given. Four thousand children, gathered in the Metropolitan Opera House cheered the boy hero.

Frank left St. Teresa's parochial school when he was fourteen, to add to the family income. He is the eldest child, and the youngest is only two.

Months ago, illness incapacitated his father for work. So he turned over all his earnings except \$4 a month, which he kept for care and incidentals, to his mother. He was ill for a time, and he is not strong now, but he has kept uncompensatingly on.

It did not occur to Frank to enter the boy hero contest; he was no hero, he was only doing his duty, he believed. But the superintendent at the home where he spent the three weeks he was sick brought his name to the attention of the contest managers, and none was found more worthy of the medal than he. His employers also testified to his devotion to his duties and his promptness.

Frank's life is not all work, but his indomitable spirit is exemplified in his play time. He was a bugler in St. Teresa's band, and proud of it. His illness made him too weak to play the bugle. So now he is practicing three times a week to become the band's drummer.