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Remember!

God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform. This is forcefully demonstrated in the object lesson of the terrible quakes at Santa Barbara this week.

Scorners and unbelievers cannot foretell when the Almighty makes wonders to pass. They cannot foretell when the forces of nature will be called into action.

Such happenings, such events demonstrate forcefully that there is a Supreme Being one all, who controls all things, knows all things, orders all things.

The scientist may foretell correctly ninety-nine times out of ten and the one hundredth time fail utterly. It will not do for him to plead ignorance or bad luck. His pride is exactness and accuracy.

We as believers are astonished at extraordinary happenings but we bow our heads in adoration and worship.

Independence Day

To-morrow is Independence Day—the day we celebrate the birth of a new nation of this Western Hemisphere. The history of this Republic is interwoven in the history of the world ever since.

We as Americans are proud of our country and its history.

We as Catholics are proud of our American citizenship and also proud that we live in a country where religious freedom is a cardinal principle and one of the bulwarks of the country. Here every man may worship as his conscience dictates. Here was raised aloft the banner of personal and religious liberty and here equality of opportunity prevails.

Let us give thanks that the United States Supreme Court stands squarely against any attempt to curtail religious freedom and upholds the right of the parent to the guardianship of his children and his right to have them taught the tenets of religion as the parent chooses.

City Manager Charter

At last we have before us the completed draft of the new proposed charter to draft into effect the city manager plan.

All citizens and voters should study the document with care and decide for themselves whether they wish to adopt it as the Rochester governmental plan. It is revolutionary in that it abolishes party allegiance in municipal matters and in that it substitutes a City Council elected from the city at large instead of by district representatives typical of the district represented. And it substitutes a mayor or manager chosen by this Council, utterly disassociated and separated from the selection at a general election by majority vote.

There are weighty arguments for and against this new and revolutionary proposition. Let each voter study carefully the proposition so he can vote intelligently on it when presented at a general election for approval or disapproval.

Be sure to have your Catholic paper with you on vacation.

In selection of a vacation spot, one essential inquiry should be: Is a Catholic Church located near at hand? The Devil does not suspend his operations in the summer months as we would say aside our spiritual protection on summer vacations?

Faalty

Rarely does one read such a compendium of faith and loyalty to God and Holy Church than is contained in the address of Bishop Schrembs on behalf of himself and his associate Ohio pilgrims to the Holy Father. These pertinent excerpts follow:

"Our pilgrimage has led us home. We are in our Father's house. To Your Holiness we give our fidelity and our love and our gratitude, as the living representative of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the immovable rock, the confinner of the faithful, the shepherd of Christ's sheep and lambs, and the keeper of the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven.

"The pilgrims who from every corner of the world are now journeying as we have journeyed to the throne of Peter, are all living witnesses to the great truth expressed centuries ago by that great doctor of the early Church, St. Irenaeus, that the touchstone of true Christian faith is harmony and communion with the Holy Roman Church, which holds the primacy, and outside of which they can be but heresy and schism.

"Thousands who know not that faith are in their hearts searching and groping for the light. They too are pilgrims, to whom your voice is calling. Your blessed hands are extended to them, even as were Christ's when He called the multitudes, and prayed that there be but one fold as there is but one shepherd. The world's heart today is in pilgrimage to you, the Vicar of Christ, nor will it know peace, until like us, it accepts and loves you, and returns to the Holy Roman Catholic Apostolic Church, as to the Father's home.

"Lack of Christian faith, denial and rejection of the Christian law, have made the nations of the earth estranged from one another. The nations clamor for peace, but there is none to answer their prayer, and of themselves they are lost in their own spiritual weaknesses and their unbelief.

"One voice, and one alone proclaims and preserves at all costs the saving truth that Christ lives; that His Church endures; that the brotherhood of man in Christ is not an empty aspiration, but a living reality and a sacred obligation of faith. And in their travail and in their need, the nations of the earth will yet come to Your Holiness as the one, the only one, who in your solicitude, your love and your authority as the Vicar of Christ upon earth can give them and keep them in the peace of Christ.

"The corroding influence of irreligion and infidelity must be constantly counteracted. Religion, deep and broad, is needed today as never before."

Basilicas originally were churches of rectangular form in contradistinction to the rotundas or circular form of building. The name is derived from the Greek word basilieus, meaning a king, and was applied because, in kings' palaces of those days there was always a square central hall in which justice was administered and conferences held.

Mosaics were extensively used in the decoration of their churches by the early Christians. In the cemetery of St. Hermes there is a mosaic picture of Daniel in the Lions' den.

Nearly all the Popes of the first and second centuries were buried around the tomb of St. Peter. In later times Pope Gregory the Great, Pope Leo the Great and several other Popes were buried near his tomb.

Examination of the causes of those who should be judged worthy of veneration, and be appealed to for intercession has been a rule of the Church from the earliest times. Even the early Christians, while they invoked many of the martyrs whose blood they had often seen shed, did not accord the honor of special services on their anniversaries to all indiscriminately. The bishop first made examination of each case. If he was satisfied that the honor should be accorded he then notified all the existing churches.

Baseball fans are undecided whether this is a good ball year or not.

While other parts of the country are covered by torrid heat Rochester is cool and comfortable—the ideal summer resort of North America.

The Field Mass for the Knights of St. John at Holy Sepulchre cemetery was an impressive sight and one long to be remembered.

Pilgrims to the Holy Year Jubilee are crowding the European steamship lines this year.

Illegal!

Exclusion of a Catholic from teaching in the public school solely on the basis of religious belief violates the constitution of West Virginia, Judge Warren B. Kittle held in a recent decision handed down in Grafton.

The despatch containing this news continues:

Miss Madeline King, of Elkins, had filed a suit against the Grafton Independent District School Board, charging that she had been denied appointment as a teacher because of her Catholic faith. It was in answer to the boards demurrer that the decision was made. Miss King produced a letter in which the city superintendent frankly told her that it had been the policy of the board of education for years not to employ teachers of Catholic faith in the Grafton public schools.

"The constitution expressly prohibits the legislature from prescribing any religious tests whatever, or conferring any particular privileges or advantages on any sect or denomination," Judge Kittle said.

"That a school board can employ only Protestants as teachers will be conceded, and that they could employ only teachers who are Catholics will be conceded. But such board would have no right to put a ban on either Protestants or Catholics, simply because they were such."

After quoting precedents, he continues:

"In the present case it would seem that the board of education considered the applicant disqualified merely because of religious belief. The constitutional provision above mentioned shows no distinction between the Christian and the pagan, the Protestant and the Catholic. All are citizens and their rights are precisely the same. The law cannot see differences, because the constitution has definitely and completely excluded religion from the law's contemplation in considering men's rights. There could be no distinction based on religion."

True Americanism

In a recent address in Faneuil Hall in Boston, in which he vigorously rebuked bigotry of race, Charles Evans Hughes, former Governor of New York State, former Justice of the United States Supreme Court and former Secretary of State, said "True Americanism is of the spirit, not of any race or strain."

"The bigoted citizen, however boastful of long American descent, who would deny political privilege to his fellow citizen because of race or creed is exhibiting not his Americanism, but his lack of it," Mr. Hughes declared.

The address was delivered at the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill, and the speaker, after reviewing the great strides of the nation since that historic struggle, warned of dangers now facing America. These perils, he said, are the decline of patriotism, radicalism, racial and religious bigotry, over-confidence rising from wealth and strength, and a "passion for uniformity" which threatens local self-government.

America must guard against destructive forces all over the world which "invoke the name of liberty," but actually are seeking to establish a dictatorship of class, he said.

H. G. Wells is lost in the future. He has an extraordinary imagination, but his utopias are growing foggy and foggy. "I always think of him on his knees before his great-grandson—a rather ridiculous position—G. K. Chesterton to Frederick Feffer, in a recent interview.

All early pictures show the altar as a plain table and two such tables have been preserved. The main altar of St. John Lateran encloses one, and the other is in the church of St. Pudenciana.

Holy Year pilgrims in Rome may wonder why one of the principal churches is known as the Holy Cross-in-Jerusalem. It is said that the earth for the foundation of this church, which is one of those built by Constantine, was brought from the Holy City.

Tradition says that St. Paul became a friend of the pagan philosopher Seneca. There is some foundation for the belief, because Burrhus, the praetorian prefect was an intimate friend of Seneca. Moreover, Marcus Annius Gallio, Seneca's brother, had given a hearing to St. Paul at Corinth.

The New York State Knights of Columbus have launched a splendid project in their decision to build and equip a tuberculosis sanitarium in the Adirondacks.

The Holy Father has again honored the Knights of Columbus by conferring upon Supreme Knight J. J. Liberty the Papal medal of merit.



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Pope Sends Blessing To Those Honoring Beatified Martyrs

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

Aurlesville, N. Y., June 24.—The following cablegram was received on Sunday from Rome by the Rev. Francis A. Breen, S. J., Director of the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs at this place:

"The Holy Father cordially sends the Apostolic Benediction to his faithful children assembled at Aurlesville to honor the Jesuit Martyrs of North America, (Signed Cardinal Gasparri.)"

At the Shrine itself a special Mass of thanksgiving was said by the director, Father Breen, at 9:30 o'clock in the presence of a few attendants. After the Mass a picture representing the apotheosis of the Martyrs, similar to the one exhibited in Rome for the Beatification, was exposed in the open air chapel and relics of the martyrs were offered for veneration. Picture of Father Isaac Jogues and Rene Goupil, long in the possession of the Shrine, also were unveiled.

Next Sunday, a number of the Jesuit Fathers of New York and other cities of the State will be at Aurlesville for a private service of thanksgiving for the great honor that has been conferred on their Order by the Holy Father. A solemn Mass will be sung and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament given. Preparations are now being made for the magnificent celebration of the event to be held on August 16 at Aurlesville, N. Y., where Blessed Isaac Jogues and his companions, Blessed Rene Goupil and Blessed John Lalonde, met their deaths at the hands of the Indians for the Faith. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Gibbons of Albany, N. Y., in whose diocese this ceremony. The Catholic Daughters of America of Albany and the surroundings of other Albanians, will surround the Shrine in pilgrimage on the same day and it is also expected that large numbers will join the pilgrimages that are preparing to go to Aurlesville from New York, Brooklyn and other cities.

Mussolini Balks German Fascists

By Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Baron von Capitaine, (Cologne Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Cologne, June 14.—Premier Mussolini of Italy has just dealt the German fascists a heavy blow, and wrecked hopes on which they had built strongly.

When Hitler and Ludendorff launched the radical German fascist movement, they looked to Italy with its fascist government for encouragement. Berlin papers even published statements that Mussolini had invited Hitler to come to Rome to organize a common fascist movement in Italy and Germany. With the election of Hindenburg, the German fascists saw a new reason to think they would have Italian cooperation in their movement.

Laymen Of Baltimore Archdiocese Plan Three July Retreats

Baltimore, June 26.—The League for Laymen's Retreats of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, of which Archbishop Curley is the honorary president, has announced three retreats for this year. The dates are July 17 to 20, July 24 to 27, and July 31 to Aug. 3, and the retreats will be held at Mt. St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Md.

Starting in 1914 with 18 men, the League last year had 350 retreatants, and this year expects 500. It is now planning to acquire a house. Father L. J. Kelly, S. J., Provinciate of the Jesuit Order, has designated Father E. DeL. McDonnell, S. J., as director of retreat activities, and Father Joseph A. McGeaney, of Loyola College, is spiritual director of the League. The archbishop has strongly endorsed the League's work.