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## Ad Multos Annos

A few days since His Eminence Cardinal O'Connell, Archbishop of Boston, celebrated his twenty-fifth anniversary as a Bishop. Naturally, his flock wished to mark the occasion fittingly. But the great Cardinal forbade any pretentious display. What he did accept is best told in this dispatch sent out by the National Catholic News Service:—

Perhaps nothing so typified the spirit of the cardinal's flock as their response to his request that their recognition of his jubilee consist of prayer and pious acts. There was presented to him, in answer to his plea, a "spiritual bouquet" of no fewer than one million prayers and good works, which the presentation speaker assured him was "the offering of a diocese literally on its knees" and the "tribute of unanimous heartfelt prayer of loving children for a loved and loving father."

Cardinal O'Connell began his jubilee day by celebrating Mass at the Cathedral before a huge concourse of his flock and administering Holy Communion with his own hand. As he began the Mass, at the same hour the Rev. M. J. Scallion of Chelsea, who witnessed the consecration as a Bishop of His Eminence 25 years ago in the Basilica of St. John Lateran, began a Mass of thanksgiving in the same basilica in Rome.

At the conclusion of the Mass His Eminence imparted the blessing of the Holy Father, as he had been empowered to do in a letter of felicitation from the Vatican. The letter also granted a plenary indulgence to all who received Holy Communion on the day of the jubilee.

## Thinking Or Feeling?

A secular contemporary prints this editorial advice:—

Things were going badly in the factory. Depression was bringing its own troubles. Everybody was on edge, ready to light at the drop of a hat. Suddenly in the midst of a heated argument over some trivial matter, an unknown philosopher threw in this question:

"Are you fellows really thinking about this question, or are you only feeling about it?"

Silence followed this ample question. Silence is sometimes an eloquent answer. In that silence each contestant was busy transferring the seat of consciousness from his emotions to his intellect. The blood flowed back into the brain pan. The spleen, liver and those other organs that are sometimes given power to arbitrate our decisions, were left to go about their own business.

One by one the men engaged in this industrial set-to had to confess that they were not exactly thinking; only feeling.

How would the above question do for a slogan or motto to be posted in various plants, offices and homes? We pass the idea along for what it is worth. Here is a simple question which, if asked in quiet tone and with no thought to nag or humiliate, can work wonders in argument.

We suggest it to you to be used when the train of thought is off the track and crashing along on the bumpers of emotion. Try it out.

Perhaps the editor would not understand but, under such circumstances, a Catholic might recall whether or not he said his morning prayers.

Not only was the winner of the third national oratorical contest a Catholic parochial school boy but all three male finalists were Catholics—Herbert Wenig, of Los Angeles, Cal.; Thomas P. Cleary, of St. Joseph's High School, Philadelphia, and Joseph A. Mulharky, of Augusta, Ga.

District Attorney Love is winning lawsuits as an after-dinner orator. Likewise United States Marshal Joseph Frissh, Jr.

President Coolidge is able to control the hostility of the farm bloc?

## Right

The great value of a well informed, alert and aggressive Catholic laity, likewise the value of a well-equipped, virile and vigorous Catholic press is emphasized by the "Union and Times" in the following editorial:—

Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty and—of tolerance. Down in Wellsville, New York, an ambitious preacher has delivered several Sunday evening tirades against "Romanism" using the same stock arguments in his community to awaken antagonism toward the Church. Like the majority of small towns, Wellsville possesses a happy spirit of fraternity and good will with Catholic and Protestant, Jew and Gentile, living in perfect accord. That spirit of understanding and respect for one's religious convictions are manifested in the smaller cities and hamlets of Western New York. Here and there adrift of intolerance will arise and as quickly disappear when the open-minded members of the community properly chastize the offending parties. All in all, these towns exhibit a remarkable fairness—until an overly zealous and jealous "divine" mounts his pulpit to undo in one evening what it has taken half a century to accomplish.

The Reverend Mr. So-and-So believes it his bounden duty to attack the Church once he is appointed to his pastorate knowing the susceptibility of a certain class to swallow hook, line and sinker whatever the Reverend says. The result is that he offends the Catholic element, the high-principled Protestant besides the breach that he opens among the "militant" members of all congregations. It has ever been so. A few of these good "reverends" with "hat rack" tendencies pray for the sinners at the Sunday evening services and then spend the remainder of the evening attacking the Church of Rome.

Our thought in the matter is this. Wherever this evidence of intolerance shows itself, there a loyal Catholic laity should act and act quickly to prevent the existing spirit of fraternal and good will to founder on the rocks of uncharitableness. A prompt explanation of Catholic doctrine, a clear-cut reply to the discourteous critic, a plea for the retention of fair-mindedness among citizens will go a long way in cooling the Reverend's ardor to sow the seeds of discontent. A staunch, active, intelligent laity is a blessing to a community, especially in those places where the ancient bug-a-boos about the Church are raised to disturb the peace and tranquility of happy villages and thriving towns.

## Corruption

According to the evidence submitted to the special investigating committee of the United States senate, there was expended in the recent Pennsylvania primary to select a Republican candidate for the United States Senate the huge sum of \$1,500,000! Of this over a million dollars was spent by the friends of Senator Pepper who was up for re-nomination; nearly \$400,000 by the friends of Governor Gifford Pinchot and the balance by Congressman William Vare. Pepper and Pinchot lost. Vare won.

Commenting on this, a secular contemporary which is a staunch upholder of the Republican party says:—

"Four of the aspirants in the recent Republican primary contest in Pennsylvania have reported their expenditures. It cost Vare \$71,000 to win the Senatorial nomination and cost Pinchot \$44,000 to lose. Phillips, who finished fourth in the gubernatorial race, is \$91,000 out of pocket; and the other candidates have not yet filed their expense accounts. Of interest in this connection was the creation by the Senate of a committee to investigate Senatorial primary expenditures. But this action was of the nature of a gallery play, as the Senate knew perfectly well. For under a Supreme Court decision the Congress, while authorized to inquire into election expenditures of candidates, has no power to interfere with primary contests in states.

"President Harding was outspoken in his conviction that the direct primary system had lowered the standard in public life, encouraged corrupt practices, entailed prohibitive expenditure on all but the wealthiest aspirants, doubled the cost of elections to the states; and that primary verdicts did not reflect the real sentiment of the electorate. It seems probable that this opinion is shared by a great majority of the able men in public life; and it is a matter of common comment in the press and by publicists of eminence that the double election system has resulted in deterioration in the personnel of elected officials. Citizens of high distinction supremely qualified to serve their states are reluctant to enter primary contests and often refuse to do so, even if their party managers agree to relieve them of personal outlay in securing nomination. Our state has had many distinguished officials, governors, senators—who accepted the honor of convention nominations or election by legislatures, but who would keep out of politics under the conditions prevailing today. The direct primary was one of those innovations for which much could be said. It could be, and was, pictured as a change in the direction of ideal political conditions.

## Prosperous

While other lines of business may not be so effusively prosperous the great railroad properties are in fine financial shape if the following editorial from the New York "Telegram" states facts correctly:—

"With the largest return from passenger traffic in the history of the great railway recorded during the month of April of this year and a net return from all the business of a common carrier approaching the zenith hitherto established, the New York Central Railroad's report for that month should be most satisfying to stockholders.

"In 1923, a year when business had just started on its upturn from the doldrums and depressions which followed the subsidence of war activities, the New York Central made its real peak in revenues. Since that time business has settled down to a more even sort of going, but the record for the first four months of the current year is something of which the directorate may be very proud.

"The operating revenues for the four months period are published as \$124,724,006, in comparison with \$118,523,156 for 1925, with the gross increase \$6,200,850, whereas the operating expenses have increased only \$4,879,457.

"And along with these gratifying and encouraging reports with respect to one of America's soundest railway properties there has come a most encouraging return from the bankrupt Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad, now in the hands of a receiver. While the net revenue, or, as it is expressed in the report, the net operating income, was but \$448,169, it represents a gain of seven hundred per cent. over April of 1925, just after the receivership was forced, when the net operating income was only \$54,903.

"Other lines, including the New Haven and the Erie, show gains of equally significant character."

"Unless Congress acts the radio listeners-in are likely to be hampered by a surplus of stations broadcasting on similar wave lengths.

Martin B. O'Neil, former president of the Common Council, was sworn in as mayor of Rochester Tuesday to serve out the unexpired term of the late Mayor Clarence D. Van Zandt, whose funeral was held on Monday.

## Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days

Sunday, June 27.—St. Ladislav King, was the first son of Bela, King of Hungary. He was born in 1041 and in 1080 by the importunity of his people and against his own inclination ascended the throne. His life in the palace was austere, frugal and abstemious; pleasure, vanity and idle amusements had no place there. He watched over a strict and impartial administration of justice and was generous and merciful to his enemies and vigorous in defense of his country and the Church. He had planned an expedition to recover the Holy Lands when he died July 30, 1095.

Monday, June 28.—St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr, was born in the year 120. He was a Grecian, probably a native of Lesser Asia. A pupil of St. Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, he refuted heresies by learning the most absurd conceits of their philosophers, the better to expose them in their true light. He became Bishop of Lyons in 177 and by his preaching converted virtually the whole country in a short time. He suffered martyrdom under Emperor Severus at Lyons about the year 202.

Tuesday, June 29.—St. Peter, Apostle, was a fisherman and was engaged in this occupation when called upon by Christ to become His follower. He became the "rock" upon which Christ founded His Church on earth and 10 years after the Ascension he went to Rome to found his chair. He labored there 25 years with St. Paul. He was crucified by order of Nero and was buried on the Vatican Hill.

Wednesday, June 30.—St. Paul was born at Tarsus of Jewish parents. While still a young man he held the clothes of those who stoned St. Stephen to death. He was miraculously converted and became the apostle of the Gentiles, whom he had been taught to hate. He shed his blood for Christ.

Thursday, July 1.—St. Gal, Bishop, was born at Clermont about the year 489. His father was of one of the first houses of Auvergne and his mother a descendant of the family of Vettius Apagatus, the celebrated Roman, who suffered at Lyons for the Faith. Entering Holy Orders he became Bishop of Auvergne. He suffered insults and bodily harm without a murmur. He had the gift of miracles. He died about 553.

Friday, July 2.—The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin. The Blessed Virgin, told by the angel Gabriel that she was to be the mother of the Saviour, visited her cousin Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Ghost Elizabeth proclaimed Mary blessed above all women. In reply the Blessed Virgin pronounced the Magnificat:

Saturday, July 3.—St. Hellodorus, Bishop, was born in Dalmatia. The attraction for him but he did not monastic life possessed a peculiar enter it because it meant he would have to leave St. Jerome, his spiritual director. He accompanied St. Jerome into the East but returned home to Dalmatia to visit his parents. After his mother's death St. Hellodorus became Bishop of Aitino. He died about 290.

## Cardinal Mundelein Praises Fine Spirit Protestants Show.

Chicago, June 19.—His Eminence Cardinal Mundelein has publicly acknowledged the courtesy and cooperation of non-Catholic people of Chicago during the period of preparation for the Eucharistic Congress and while the city is filled with thousands of the Catholic clergy and laity. This friendly disposition of non-Catholics has made a most favorable impression on Catholic visitors, who see its manifestations in the kindnesses to the pilgrims, in lavish decorations on places of business conducted by those not of the Faith, and in the outpouring of the city's population, regardless of creed, at every demonstration that marks the progress of the Congress.

In an interview with the newspaper men of Chicago and other cities, His Eminence Cardinal Mundelein expressed admiration and gratitude for the generous spirit that has characterized his non-Catholic fellow citizens.

"Ten years ago this could not have happened," he said. "Please say for me that never before in history has an event so unified and harmonized the people of this great city, and that, to me, is the most noteworthy indication of the trend of the times." His Eminence bespoke for the Congress a spiritual upbuilding of the community.



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"From Catholics gathered here one great chorus of prayer will rise," he said. "If our plans are realized, one million people will receive Holy Communion in our churches on Sunday (the day of the formal opening of the Congress). Blessings will come not only upon the supplicants, but upon their families, their homes, this city and country, and upon our non-Catholic brethren who have shown themselves so cordial to our guests. "I can not emphasize too strongly my appreciation of the courtesy and hospitality our non-Catholic fellow citizens have shown and are showing. Their spirit of cooperation has been of immeasurable help to us."

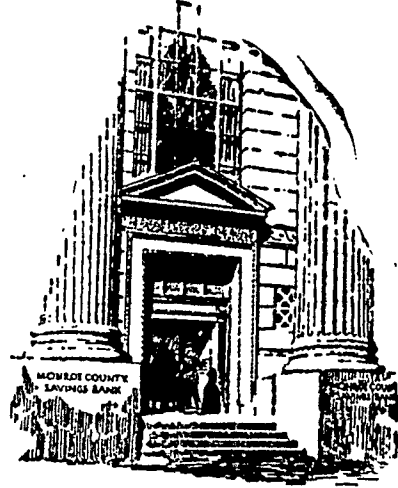
## Mgr. Seipel Plans Speaking Tour When Congress Is Ended

Chicago, June 18.—Monsignor Seipel, former Chancellor of Austria

and famed as the post-war savior of that country, will make several addresses in the United States and Canada after attending the Eucharistic Congress here, at which he is one of the speakers.

On June 26, he will speak at the Congress of German-American Catholics in Springfield, Ill., and after a visit to the Benedictine University of St. Paul, will proceed to Canada, where he has been invited to lecture at the meetings of Catholics taking place in Winnipeg and Regina on July 7 and 8, respectively.

On his voyage home from America, Monsignor Seipel will leave Montreal probably on July 10, and is thus likely to pass the 50th anniversary of his birthday, which falls on July 19, outside of Austria in privacy, a fact which, however, will not detain the Austrian Catholics at home from celebrating this day in a solemn way also in the absence of their great leader.



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