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Is It Free?

While it has been given out in the press that the 1928 campaign is to be kept free from mudslinging, there are signs that there is an "under cover whispering insinuation"...

Catholic Parents

The relative rights and duties of the parent, the Church and the community toward the child are well summed up in the following editorial from the Philadelphia "Catholic Standard and Times":

Among the laws of the Commonwealth is one that imposes upon parents the duty of educating their children. Catholics however, are obliged by a higher law and to the higher duty.

The educational duty of Catholic parents is inclined in their religious duty toward their children. With the registration of the children in the Catholic school, the duties of supervising home studies and of compelling attendance at Mass and of compelling attendance at the religious exercises of the parish or the religious society in the school, it still remains the duty of parents to see that their children attend Sunday Mass and go to Confession and Communion.

During the summer months this duty increases, or rather the obligation of overseeing becomes more insistent, since there is, after all, a great deal of supervision in the Catholic schools on these points.

It is in fact that parents are responsible for the conduct of their children during their leisure hours. Where are they? With whom are they? What are they doing? Inhabitants at any time to answer these questions indicate that parents are neglecting their duty.

Parenthood is both a privilege and a responsibility. A privilege that opens to parents the opportunity to educate their children in the ways of God. A responsibility that they must do to these children of God what Mary did for the First-born of the parochial schools in Nazareth. And it was subject to them. And it was subject to them. And it was subject to them.

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Mistaken

That even the much claimed superior wisdom of the combined intellect represented in the General Federation of Women's Clubs may fall into grievous error is apparent from the following editorial in the "Union and Times":

Delegates to the latest convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs have unfolded more than one fallacy in their resolutions. Catholics accompanied in every instance by the name of the public schools as a source of contributor withheld the method of imparting moral training to children in the first place, these delegates are mistaken in their conviction that the public schools may thus be used for sectarian purposes. It is true that the Bible may be read in the public schools by law, but this proves only that the legislators of several different states have violated the rights of the minorities which oppose such attempts to make the tax-supported educational establishment an instrumentality of Protestant proselyting. The representatives of the Women's Federation err again in the supposition that the reading of the Bible as part of the daily tasks of school would in itself inculcate moral principles and strengthen moral character. It would have no such effect, unless there was some one competent to interpret and apply the truths of the Biblical text. And which of the Protestant sects could give the Bible an interpretation that would be acceptable to the others?

Moreover, if Bible-reading in the public schools can produce no better result than it has produced in the Protestant churches, it should not be advocated even by the sects. For nearly four centuries the Bible has been proclaimed the principal source of Protestant teaching and the sole code of Protestant morals. The out- come has been contradiction, confusion and conflict which have split Protestantism into more than a dozen sects, each claiming to be the true Christianity—the divinity of Christ and the Trinity, the efficacy of the inspiration of the Bible, the inspiration of the Bible, the efficacy of the sacraments, the efficacy of the sacraments, the efficacy of the sacraments.

Let personal mudslinging be kept out of the 1928 campaign. And, above all, let the campaign be conducted along decent lines. Invective is not argument. Billingsgate is not reasoning. If the campaign of 1928 takes a different turn, these responsible leaders will find that the American fair play spirit is not dead.

Competition

California and Florida must look to their laurels as self-advertisers. Most of us have come to regard these two as par excellence in their respective fields. But just listen to this Georgia advertisement for the Savannah "News":

The Georgia peach and the Georgia melon are in addition to being money-worth as delicious eatables, missionaries for Georgia wherever they go. They are telling about the land from which they come. They are silently speaking of the possibilities of a favored section. They are proving the productivity of the soil and the excellence of the seasons of Georgia; they are showing the quality and hinting the variety of production for which Georgia is famous—should be known. They are missionarying for Georgia in every city of the United States. Millions of the daisy-checked, blushing cheeks and think of Georgia; millions more longingly look at the big melons and get a tempting view of one cut open exposing its frost-sweet red meat—and think of Georgia. Georgia is getting good publicity in 10,000 markets this month via the silent and none the less truthful and effective missionarying of the Georgia peach and the Georgia watermelon.

One More!

Another Catholic High School for girls is to be added to Rochester's Catholic educational institutions. In September when the Mercy School opens at Clover and Blossom Roads is opened by the Sisters of Mercy, who will educate girls in the high school and academic branches. The Sisters of Mercy have turned out many, now leaders in Rochester and Joseph did for them. Now they will be able to guide their pupils in the higher branches of the Catholic education.

Rochester welcomes this new high school and wishes for it hearty support and a long notable and successful career. Value of Rochester's playgrounds, parks and bathing beaches was demonstrated during the recent hot weather season.

Mayor Walker of New York has had intimate relations with the first Bishop of the new Diocese of Rochester! And what has happened in those sixty years!

May Be, May Be Not

Time was when the signed article was frowned upon in the daily secular press and a signed editorial was an abomination in conservative newspaper offices—which comprised about all there was in those days.

Today the unsigned news feature is the shining exception. Writers who have acquired "a voice" are syndicating their brain products to scores of papers and periodicals. In order to fill their allotted space some of these writers apparently "written out"—just reel off words without much fact, rhyme or reason. Others, with more brain power but held down to less space, just touch superficially on their subject after coining what, they think, is an apt phrase.

Here is a sample of the latter put out by a daily syndicate writer whose output is a daily editorial feature in many papers:

"Many think much about immortality and the thought that they may live in some fashion forever. And yet in one way some of us may live to live on when the character is degenerating. The death of the body is not always concurrent with the death of the spirit."

"Frank Collins Spillman tells us the difference between young men and old men. In the Bible he reads that the young men shall see visions and the old men shall dream dreams. If you have come to the time when you only dream dreams and see no visions of the future you are old. When you look back over your shoulder instead of forward you are old."

"Someone has said that it is hard to meet the average mind because it isn't going anywhere. The difference between real thinking and reverie is that reverie isn't going anywhere. Just letting things run through your mind, uncontrolled, isn't thinking. Life is too short not to be going somewhere."

"We can be rich—rich in the resources of the mind. If we will only take the time and trouble to lay away some mental wealth in our most active mental years."

Had space permitted this writer would have made it plain that it was no mental crime to relax the mind entirely once in a while even if "reverie" were the result.

Undoubtedly, he would have pointed out that if one has reached an age when he sees no future in this world but does think it worth while to think of the future beyond the grave he is not wasting time but making a profitable spiritual investment.

And, to sum up, if it were not for the dreamers the masterpiece in art, literature, yes invention would have been lost.

Etiquette.

That there are laws of good breeding, etiquette, in church attendance and conduct is pointed out by the Brooklyn "Tablet" in the following short editorial:— The entire law may be summed up in one word—charity. Many rules have been formulated to guide man in his devotion to his neighbor. Catholic etiquette prescribes in particular how charity should be practiced in Church and home, to priest and people. We will content ourselves here with merely stating a decalogue of Catholic etiquette for Sunday observance:—

Make a serious effort to come to church in time. Do not disturb others by unnecessary talk in the vestibule. Enter the Church reverently, greet properly, and take the last place in the seat. Remember that, like the publican, you have come to the temple only to pray. Use your prayer book or Rosary beads unostentatiously. Kneel, sit, stand or genuflect at the proper times. Patiently wait your turn going to Confession and to Communion. Leave the Church with reverence and recollection, but not until the priest has left the altar. Always greet the priests and Sisters without first awaiting their salutation. Instruct your non-Catholic friends on these points before bringing them to Catholic ceremonies.

We cannot help thinking that the election of 1928 will furnish surprises in unexpected quarters. Carranza's untimely death demonstrates the perils that attend "loners."

The Rochester German Insurance company has retained its name self-respect and clientele. It is superfluous to reiterate that the Catholic Church is not in politics, just as it is superfluous to reiterate that the Pope exercises no temporal domain over any part of America, even El Duce Mussolini respects the Pope as a spiritual head of millions of communicants.

Sixty years have passed since Bernard J. McQuaid was consecrated as the first Bishop of the new Diocese of Rochester! And what has happened in those sixty years!

Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days

Sunday, July 22.—St. Mary Magdalene, when Jesus raised her from the dead. She was one of the family "whom Jesus so loved" that he raised her brother Lazarus from the dead. She stood at the foot of the Cross. When the faithful were scattered by persecution it is said, she found refuge in a cave in Provence where she lived for thirty years.

Monday, July 23.—St. Apollinaris, Bishop and martyr, was the first Bishop of Ravenna. He won his martyr's crown during the reign of Valerian. He was a disciple of St. Peter.

Tuesday, July 24.—St. Christina, virgin and martyr, was cruelly tortured because she destroyed some golden idols belonging to her father. She was a rich and powerful pagan magistrate. She was miraculously preserved from death on several occasions but finally martyred at Troy, a city which formerly stood on an island in the lake of Bolsena.

Wednesday, July 25.—St. James, Apostle, was one of the three chosen to be familiar companions of Our Lord. When he was accused and brought before Herod Agrippa, his fearless confession of Jesus so moved the public prosecutor that he declared himself a Christian on the spot. Accused and accuser were thereupon both killed.

Thursday, July 26.—St. Anne, was chosen by God to become the mother of the Blessed Virgin. The Saint was advanced in age when Mary was born, the fruit rarer of grace than of nature. In gratitude, St. Anne vowed her daughter to God and when Mary was three years old, Anne and her spouse, St. Joachim, took the child to the Temple and watched her grow into the inner sanctuary and then saw her no more.

Friday, July 27.—St. Pantaleon, martyr, during one period of his life was led into apostasy by a belief in false maxims of the world. Later, however, he was again converted. He distributed all his goods to the poor and shortly thereafter met his death for the Faith.

Saturday, July 28.—St. Nazarius and Celsus, Martyrs. St. Nazarius was the son of a pagan officer in the Roman army. He embraced the faith of his mother, Perpetua. Arriving at Milan he was beheaded together with Celsus, a youth whom he took with him on his travels. These martyrs suffered during the first persecution under Nero.

Woman Recovers Sight After Novena London, July 9.—A woman afflicted with blindness in one eye has been cured at St. Mary's Redemptorist Church here, according to an announcement made by Father Hayes, C.S.S.R., to the congregation. Father Hayes said the cure occurred during Mass on the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Snow. The woman concerned, Mrs. Coates, had been making a novena to Our Lady.

An Oculist specialist has certified that the woman was blind in her left eye; but she is now able to read with it. Mrs. Coates is a benefactor of St. Mary's Church, and visits it daily.

Tombstone As Altar At Public Benediction London, July 9.—An old tombstone was transformed into an altar when Benediction was given at a ceremony in a public recreation ground in the center of Birmingham. The ground adjoins Park Street, where the last anti-Catholic riots in the city occurred 60 years ago.

The service followed the first procession of the Blessed Sacrament that has been held in the locality. The reason for certain political turns of the last few weeks may be found in the sapient remark attributed to Judge George W. O'Connell, successor to Charles F. Murphy in the leadership of Tammany Hall:—"In politics we never make our omelet until we have our eggs."

Why the sudden cessation in publication of the Heflin distributer? The excerpt from an editorial in Mr. Hearst's Rochester "Journal" may explain much of the output of the American pulp and secular press: Great Britain, old and new, says "once a Britisher always a Britisher." A Britisher on come to America, become naturalized, then go back or he can go to the Fiji Islands and marry a cannibal girl and adopt her ways, then go back and run for Parliament. This enables Britishers to do business on the most profitable basis wherever the flag flies and keep their standing at home. Wise old Britisher, her sons can adopt any nationality, for business reasons and remain British.

Pleasures are the order of the day and afford relaxation, fun, recreation and acquaintance. Reports of hostility toward the United States in South America should not be dismissed as hot weather gossip. If hostility actually exists its cause should be sought. Once found, it should be removed.

Czechoslovaks Honor Migr. Kordatch, Ill, On Golden Jubilee

By V. Myslivec, Jr. (Prague Correspondent, N.C.W.C. News Service)

Prague, July 2.—Slowly recovering from a long illness, Migr. Francis Kordatch, beloved Catholic leader, has celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Newspapers here spoke of his jubilee with sympathetic concern, saying that his sympathetic recovery is especially desirable at present, both in the pastoral field and the administration of the archdiocese.

Moreover, the complex questions relating to the new delimitation of the dioceses in the Republic have been taken up by a special committee under the "Modus Vivendi" agreement of the Czechoslovak Government and the Vatican and the committee has been holding sessions in Prague. It consists of representatives of the respective dioceses and the neighboring States concerned in the delimitation.

The Archbishop's house was quiet on the jubilee day and there were very few visitors, save for those who brought numerous bouquets and flower ornaments sent by friends and admirers of the aged Prelate. His sacerdotal career is, however, recalled in the papers. He finished his studies for the priesthood in Rome with two doctorates and the first prize for disputations. After ordination, he turned his attention to the education of candidates for the priesthood, at which he labored until 1918, when the Revolution took place and the Czechoslovak State came into existence. He was a professor and later Rector of the Priests' Seminary at Litomerice, and many of his former pupils, now pastors scattered all over the country, testify to his exemplary character and intelligence.

In the National Assembly, after the Revolution, he delivered a touching address in the debate on the Marriage Reform Bill, the practical effect of which was that the validity of the ecclesiastical form of marriage was sanctioned and only an optional civil marriage contract introduced. On that occasion, a deputy addressed Monsignor Kordatch, saying: "Monsignor, if I were not a Socialist, I'd congratulate you."

Catholics here are offering prayers and Masses for an early convalescence of their spiritual director and beloved teacher.

Communists Denounce Teaching of Religion

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Paris, July 9.—The Russian journal Vozrozhdenie, published here, quotes from an article published in the "Komsomolska Pravda," organ of the young communists, to the effect that "the streets of Kharkov remind one of those of Kiev in former times, since hundreds of representatives of the clergy have flocked to this city from all directions to take part in the pilgrimage to the Laure monastery."

The paper continues with a denunciation of the "audacity" of a priest who would dare to petition the Russian Congress for permission to teach religion.

Plea For New Leper Church In Philippines Made In Manila Paper

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Manila, P.I., July 2.—Commenting editorially on an appeal, in the form of a poem by Father de Isla, appearing in its columns, La Defensa, the Catholic daily published here, says: "There is a great need in Cullon for a capacious church for the Catholic lepers who troop daily to the very small one existing at present."

"It is due to purvey those stricken with Lazarus' disease with medicines and other therapeutic means, that they may regain their lost health; but we must all agree that the leper has the right and the obligation to cross the portals of the church in order to comply with their religious duties."

"We pin our hopes on the good Catholics of the Philippines, who will find how real and urgent this necessity is and contribute to the building of a roomy and beautiful church that shall be the spiritual refuge wherein our poor brothers exiled in Cullon may find surcease to their sorrows. There, the only remedy left to them in their terrible affliction is to lift their eyes to God and by prayers obtain from the Divine Goodness balm for their sufferings and health for their bodies, preyed upon by the bacillus leprae."

"The hand of a leper who begs for a temple of God is stretched out. Shall we look at it stony-eyed, refusing it the patient alms?"

The daily suggests that those who can not afford to give money for the construction of the church donate objects or materials that could be used in the construction of furnishing of the edifice, and particularly urge commercial firms and artists to offer assistance to the chaplain at Cullon.

There are more than four thousand Catholics living on the "Isle of Sorrow" and the existing church is small, devoid of light and poorly ventilated.

Catholic Hospital Survey Being Made For Financing Facts

St. Louis, July 12.—A survey of all Catholic hospitals in the United States, to determine facts about organization, financing and methods of handling charity cases, is being conducted by John A. McNamara of Chicago in preparation for a paper to be read at the fourteenth meeting of the National Conference of Catholic Charities to be held here September 16 to 20. Mr. McNamara, who is executive editor of "The Modern Hospital," "The Modern Hospital Year Book," and "The Nation's Schools," recently read before the American College of Surgeons the results of a similar survey he conducted among all hospitals other than Catholic.

Rev. Dr. John O'Grady of Washington, D. C., secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, will arrive in St. Louis July 23, to direct the work of the local committees preparing for the coming of the Conference meeting. Dr. O'Grady will remain until after the close of the meetings.

Mrs. Mabel Mattingly, an instructor in child welfare at the Western Reserve University of Cleveland, will act as chairman of the first meeting of the Committee on Neighborhood and Community Activities at the Conference gathering, it has been announced by John E. Riley, general chairman of the local committee.

Rev. Dr. J. O'Neil, East Boston, Dead

Salisbury, Mass., July 16.—The Rev. James H. O'Neil, LL.D., for the last 22 years pastor of the Sacred Heart Church in East Boston and also Chaplain-General of the Catholic Order of Foresters in Massachusetts, died at his summer home here Wednesday evening after an illness of about a week. He was 73 years old.

Dr. O'Neil was born in Amesbury, Mass., in 1855, and was educated at Villanova College, Pennsylvania, and at the Seminary at Troy, N.Y., where he completed his advanced studies in theology and philosophy and was ordained in 1879. After serving at various churches in Massachusetts, he was transferred to Sacred Heart Church, Boston, in 1906. He was known as a fine administrator and had done much to promote the financial welfare of all parishes with which he came in contact. He had served as Chaplain-General of the Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters for 29 years.

Within five years of his appointment to the pastorate in East Boston, he originated a plan for raising \$30,000 by insurance for the erection of a new convent. His plan was successful and aroused considerable interest in the Archdiocese of Boston.

Bishops En Route To Sydney Guests of S. F. Societies

San Francisco, July 14.—Catholic societies of San Francisco will be hosts during the next few weeks to many Bishops, priests and laymen on the way to the Twenty-ninth International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney, Australia.

Among those now en route are the Rt. Rev. O. R. Gorow, Bishop of Natchez, Miss., who will sail on the Makura, August 8. The Makura will carry nearly a hundred pilgrims to the Congress.

The Sonoma, sailing July 26, and the Ventura, sailing August 14, will also carry large pilgrim groups. The Rt. Rev. John J. Dunn, auxiliary to Cardinal Hayes of New York, and Judge Martin Manton, president of the Catholic Club of the City of New York, and a member of the permanent committee on Eucharistic Congresses, will be among those sailing on the Ventura.

The Congress will last from September 6 to September 9. The Makura will carry a large number of pilgrims under the auspices of Bishop Manogue Auxiliary, Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, of Sacramento. Seventeen states will be represented in this pilgrimage, of which the Rev. Solanus Crowley, O.F.M., has been designated as chaplain.

Protestant Chapel Now Catholic Church

London, July 9.—What is said to be the oldest Nonconformist chapel in London has been opened as a Catholic church. The building is in the Dockhead parish, and faces the Tower of London across the Thames. Catholics acquired the property in 1870, and for a number of years it has been used as a Catholic school. Katherine Bregy Honored By France Philadelphia, Pa., July 10.—Miss Katherine Bregy of this city, a distinguished Catholic essayist and literary critic, has just received from the French Ministry of Public Instruction the decoration of Officer de l'Instruction Publique, according to word received here. The appointment, made upon the nomination of M. Claret, French Ambassador to the United States, recognizes Miss Bregy's "services in the expansion of French literature."