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"The Religious Test"

Coming from the New York "World" a secular daily, the Catholic Journal makes no apology for reprinting in full the following leading editorial in that paper on August 18:

At the Institute of Public Affairs now being held at the University of Virginia an interesting debate developed because one of the speakers declared that a Roman Catholic was not "fit in view of his ecclesiastical fealty" to be President of the United States.

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It is interesting to note that the speaker who raised the issue—and equals work a serious injustice for our part we see no objection to the smaller property owners that its being raised and openly debated owners of properties ranging in value from a few hundred dollars to six thousand dollars were the Christian Register and author called upon to shoulder more than an eloquent book called "Religion and its share of the cost of the Government."

Therefore we know at least that we are dealing with a man who knows what the American conception of religious liberty is. It becomes necessary, therefore, to inquire what the reason for challenging the qualifications of Roman Catholics.

His reason is that "the Catholic Church has never in all its history obeyed by a syllable its absolute claims to primacy over the state."

for the state "to hold in equal favor different kinds of religion." Dr. Dieffenbach and Mr. Marshall believe that this pronouncement by the Pope compels every Roman Catholic to believe in the establishment of the Roman Catholic Church.

Their position is stated by Father John A. Ryan in a recent volume "The Catholic Church and the Citizen." Father Ryan is one of the most distinguished of American Catholic scholars, and his book carries with it the imprimatur of Cardinal Hayes. Discussing the pronouncement of Pius IX, on which Mr. Marshall and Dr. Dieffenbach base their argument, Father Ryan states that the law applies only to a nation which is "either exclusively or almost exclusively made up of Catholics."

This being the personally avowed position of Governor Smith and the authorized position of the American Catholic Church, what becomes of the "qualifications of Mr. Marshall and Dr. Dieffenbach?" They stand on the same level as citations which can be produced quite easily to show a conflict with American principles from the pronouncements made at different places and under different circumstances by almost every church now extant.

Even when the allowance is made for possible boasting by the publisher, the picture of "former" War Workers' Masses, Missions, and like a typo by comparison.

Rev. J. B. Keenan M. R.

The Catholic Journal extends congratulations not only to the appointee but to the parish and our Rt. Rev. Bishop upon the selection of Rev. James B. Keenan, for years assistant pastor at St. Patrick's Cathedral to be irremovable rector of St. Mary's parish in succession to the late Rev. Simon FitzSimons.

Father Keenan is in prime of life, a sincere priest, abreast of the times in all that makes for real progress, sympathetic in disposition, an eloquent preacher and in every way equipped to preside over a historic and cosmopolitan parish like St. Mary's.

Dictators

We call attention of the many who profess fear lest the Pope control this country to the following incisive and concise editorial published in a recent issue of the "Michigan Catholic."

In a biography of the late Wayne B. Wheeler by Justin Stewart, publicity secretary of the Anti-Slavery League (Copyright, 1928, by Fleming H. Revell Company) we read:

"Wayne B. Wheeler controlled six Congresses, dictated to two Presidents of the United States, directed legislation in most of the States of the Union, paved the way for the most important executive, State and Federal offices, and the balance of power in both Republican and Democratic parties, distributed more patronage than any dozen other men outside without official authority, and was recognized by friend and foe alike as the most powerful and powerful single individual in the United States."

A Contrast!

A striking parallel is drawn by the "Catholic Citizen" of the number of priests, the number of Protestant ministers, the number of churches, and the number of persons they serve. For instance, in the United States there are 25,773 priests and 2,287 churches, that is less than one priest and one church per 100 Catholics. But in the United States there are 111,000 Ministers, 2,112,000 churches, 45,529,000 Baptists, 8,112,000 Methodists, 2,456,000 Lutherans, 15,488,107,727 Protestants.

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City Manager Story appears to have considerable on his mind these days.

Wait until Health Officer Goler gets back from vacation! The fur will fly.

And now the Scotch Protestants want the Catholic Irish barred from Scotland!

What did the Southern Baptist and Methodist preachers talk about from their pulpits before the presidential campaign of 1928 was launched?

School will be upon us in a very few days Catholic parents have no excuse to offer why their children should not attend a Catholic school in Rochester, any way.

In entering politics John J. Raskob and Pierre du Pont resigned from executive positions in the corporation they dominate but General W. A. Atterbury did not resign the presidency of the Pennsylvania Railroad when he accepted election as national committeeman of one of the great parties nor did he tell his employees that his political action should not affect their wages.

If you have not a Catholic paper coming regularly to your home how can you be informed on Catholic matters or able to refute the slanders current against our Faith in this crisis? The Catholic Journal carries the full service of the National Catholic Council's news bulletins, as comprehensive in Catholic news and events as the Associated Press Association Service is to the secular press. In addition the Catholic Journal publishes all the local Catholic news in Rochester city and Diocese.

Mission Chief Sails For China

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) San Francisco, Aug. 20.—Rev. James G. Keller, A. F. M., Pacific Coast head of the Catholic Foreign Mission Society, sailed on the Ventura for a tour of the Maryknoll Missions in China. With him were the Rt. Rev. John J. Dunn, auxiliary bishop of New York, representing His Eminence Cardinal Hayes at the Eucharistic Congress; the Rev. Thomas F. McDonnell and the Rev. Joseph G. Cushman.

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Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days

- Sunday, Aug. 26. St. Zepherinus, Pope and Martyr, who succeeded Victor in the pontificate in 202, and reigned seventeen years (died in 215). Monday, Aug. 27. St. Joseph Calasanz, was born in Aragon, A. D. 1556. When only five years of age he led troops of children through the streets seeking the devil to kill him. After entering the priesthood he went to Rome where he founded the Order of the Clerks Regular of the Pious Schools to care for the children of the poor. Tuesday, Aug. 28. St. Augustine, Bishop of Hippo and one of the great doctors of the Church, was born in Tagaste in Africa in 354. His father was a pagan, his mother St. Monica. He was reared a Christian, but not baptized when young. He lost faith and innocence and persisted in an irregular life until thirty-two. When converted he began to make amends for his wasted years and was consecrated Bishop of Hippo in 395. For thirty-five years he was the center of ecclesiastical life in Africa and a mighty champion against heresy. He died in 430. Wednesday, Aug. 29. The beatification of St. John the Baptist on the order of Herod, who yielded to the request of Salome, daughter of Herodias, whom Herod, in defiance of all laws had married despite the fact she was the wife of his brother Philip, who was still living. Thursday, Aug. 30. St. Rose of Lima, the first canonized saint of the new world, was born at Lima in 1586. She grew to great beauty, but fearing she might become vain she cut off her hair and blistered her face. She devoted her life to most severe penance and the Blessed Sacrament was her only food for long periods. She died in 1617 at the age of thirty-one. Friday, Aug. 31. St. Raymond Nonnatus, a member of the Order of Our Lady of Mercy for the redemption of captives, who being sent into Algiers to purchase slaves expended all his money and then gave himself into captivity as ransom for others. He encouraged the captive Christians and converted some of the Mohammedians. He was treated barbarously by the infidels. Finally he was released and on his return to Spain was nominated a cardinal. He died at Cardona on the way to Rome in 1246 at the age of 37. Saturday, Sept. 1.—St. Giles, a noble Athenian, who could not find the solitude he desired in his own country. He sailed for France and chose a hermitage at the mouth of the Rhone. He was renowned for his sanctity and miracles, and great devotion to him has sprung up in France and England.

Converts In Orient Train To Be Priests

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) New York, Aug. 18.—Recent statistics from the five Maryknoll mission fields in the Orient show the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America is training nearly 80 Chinese and Korean seminarians for the priesthood. The missionaries find no dearth of candidates for the priesthood among the native Christians, but they are obliged to be very cautious in making selections as almost all of their native Catholics are recent converts.

Twenty Receive Veil In Cleveland Convent

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Cleveland, O., Aug. 17.—Young women from Detroit, Sufield and Meriden, Conn., and Bremond, Tex., were included in a group of twenty to receive the white veil and the clothing of the Polish Sisters of St. Joseph at the Motherhouse in Garfield Heights, Cleveland, Wednesday. Those from Detroit were: Agnes Banachowska, Stephany Nowak and Margaret Wisliewska; from Sufield, Lucy Cyrowska; from Meriden, Helen Slomczynska and from Bremond, Texas, Catherine Koscielniak.



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Fr. Thill In Japan On Missions Tour

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Cincinnati, Aug. 17.—A cablegram received at the Crusade Castle has announced the arrival of the Rev. Dr. Frank A. Thill, National Secretary of the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade, in Yokohama, Japan, where he will visit the Catholic mission centers. Father Thill is touring the missions of the Orient as a preparation for direction of educational work sponsored by the Mission Crusade in Catholic schools throughout the United States. Following his visitation in Japan, he will go to China and India. In the latter country his tour of the mission centers will be made under the supervision of the Most Rev. Edward A. Mooney, Apostolic Delegate to India, who was recently in this country.

Portland Diocese's Jubilee Celebrated

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Portland, Me., Aug. 17.—The diamond jubilee of the Diocese of Portland was observed Aug. 2, Solemn Pontifical Mass was celebrated at the Cathedral by the Rt. Rev. John G. Murray, D. D., Bishop of the diocese.