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#### ABOUT OUR GRADUATES

Let us not sit back, complacently, after we have given the diplomas to the graduates of our schools, and say: "We have done our full part."  
 For we have done no such thing. We have made only a beginning. The boy and girl graduates need us now more than ever. They must have work. They must have helpful co-operation. They must have guidance in the selection of life tasks. It is hard to imagine a more unhappy object than the average boy or girl graduate, inexperienced with the world, going about from place to place, unaided, in search of work. Industry is practical. It is hard. It is exacting. Gold medals and honor marks mean but little at the employment gate. Indeed, they are sometimes a handicap, for the hard-boiled employment official usually has no sense of appreciation for them.

Some graduates, unerringly, go straight for the goal they have marked for themselves. But they are the minority. The majority is otherwise. They need our assistance, and they need it at the most critical time of their lives. Our schools have shaped their paths, and disciplined their minds. With their diplomas under their arms, the familiar hands that guided them are felt no more, and the discipline that safeguarded their moral and spiritual welfare has been removed. This is where men and women of the world—those who love their own boys and girls—should step in and give a helping hand.

Perhaps the fathers and mothers of many of our graduates lack influence, foresight, the energy to do the right thing at the right time for them. A kind word, some helpful interest or advice, a suggestion that work might be found here or there, an offer to help this boy or that girl to find the right kind of employment—these are things of great importance to many graduates of our Catholic high schools and colleges. Let us do them, and do them without delay.

Many a boy or girl has gone wrong in the world because no one gave them a helping hand after they left school. There are plenty to give them the other kind of a hand—a hand that beckons and points to sinful paths; a hand that paints in glowing colors the lure of the world, the primrose path, the gay white way, the glow of the night lights, with never a touch of the brush on the dark wall that looms ahead. Let us, in God's name, then, take a deep and sincere interest in the welfare of every boy and girl graduate we know. Let their diplomas, fresh and white from our Catholic schools, be keys to our hearts, that they may open the way to our friendship, our interest and our love. Let us help them find their goal in life, their work and their salvation.

#### AL SMITH'S LIFE

"Alfred E. Smith is one of the finest examples of the Catholic concept and ideal in practical life that I know of," Cardinal Hayes of New York City said to the graduating class of Manhattan College the other day. Then the Cardinal proceeded to hold up the life and character of the former Governor as an ideal and an inspiration for the members of the class, and for all young men.

This is praise worth while. And it is well merited and rightfully given. The life of Al Smith is rich in deeds that appeal to the Catholic mind. His widespread interest, there-fore, in the welfare of his fellow men, is a fact that is well known to all. His life will be published in the Fall, and will appear serially in the Catholic Post, beginning in the next issue. The book will be "Up to You," and it is announced, will contain a number of surprises even the close

### A Wise Man's Prayer

Master, I kneel and humbly pray  
 For strength of heart and limb today;  
 Although I am possessed of health,  
 Although I have my share of wealth  
 To meet the simple needs of mine,  
 I know that all I have is Thine.

Master, I kneel with contrite heart  
 And ask for strength to do my part;  
 Although the world hails my success  
 And marvels at my happiness,  
 I know how cruel life can be,  
 Dear Lord, and so I come to Thee.

Master, I kneel and pray that I  
 May walk with courage firm and high,  
 That I may bravely turn my face  
 From things that weaken and debase;  
 Upon the heights I sense somehow  
 I need Thee more than ever now.

—Edgar Daniel Kramer, in The Extension Magazine.

faithfulness to his Church, and his unflinching loyalty to that Church, even when he knew it might bring him political disaster; his rapid rise in politics; the clean hands and heart he brought unsoiled through all his years of political life; his sincere devotion to his wife, children and home; the rare and lovable human qualities that have won him the affection of millions of people; his vigorous fights for decency, progress and notable accomplishment along educational and humanitarian lines in our State—these and myriad other things, told in Al's rare way of telling things, should make his book what Cardinal Hayes says his life is—an inspiration and ideal to all young men.

Let us forget political lines when we read this book. We will find in its pages, surely, the finest kind of Americanism, the noblest kind of manhood, and a Faith that has not flinched or wavered in the face of the bitterest attacks vicious and bigoted minds could make. "Up to Now" Al Smith's life has been thoroughly worth while. His book should be the same, and it will be anxiously awaited by millions of his friends.

#### THE ESSENCE OF CHRISTIANITY

What is the essence of Christianity? It is the religion of Jesus Christ. Jesus and love blend harmoniously and perfectly in Christianity so as to form one. Put yourself, for a moment, in the place of God. He knows us, He loves us, in our Mediator, Jesus. From Him, we may say, we have no existence in the supernatural order; no conversation with Him, save through the mediation of Jesus. In so far, therefore, as we can become one with Jesus do we have supernatural life. He is the Alpha and Omega of our religion. He is the whole of the Christian life. One great infinite attractive force that makes us one with Jesus is devotion to the Sacred Heart. We blend our heart with his and two become one. Chrysostom said that Paul's heart is the heart of Christ. Devotion to the Sacred Heart makes the Christian heart the Heart of Jesus.

Not theologically nor technically defined, but in a very beautiful and spiritual sense religion is a union of loves. To make the relation of union possible between God and the creature requires a special act of God's will. We must be elevated to the supernatural order so that we may say, Abba, Father to Him who wills to adopt us and call us children. We find then the Christian religion summed up in the Sacred Heart, since the devotion to the Sacred Heart is wholly and entirely devotion to love, a devotion of love. Christianity is the love of Jesus for us and our love for Jesus. In the devotion to the Sacred Heart we practice this without end or intermission. For the reason we say that Christianity in its entirety is in devotion to the Sacred Heart. It is very properly called the resume' of Christianity.

All this being true, there is no room for surprise at the promises of our Lord to St. Margaret Mary on behalf of those who are devoted to the Sacred Heart. Who can tell what such a devotion will effect in a soul, once it is implanted there? Through the Heart we understand the Cross better, we comprehend it more clearly; through the Heart we enter the very depths of the mysteries of the Redemption from which the grace of salvation flows abundantly upon us. The secure reign of the Sacred Heart in Christian souls makes sure the supreme and uncompromising reign of God on earth. And this is the peace which surpasseth all understanding. It is the gift of Christianity to the world.

#### PRESIDENT HOOVER'S COMMISSION

We are not among those who carry a brick to throw at President's Hoover's non-salaried National Law Enforcement Commission, appointed to study the failures of law enforcement and the shortcomings of judicial procedure, and to make recommendations to remedy these things. We are rather among those who are willing to assist and accept the work of any commission, operating along ethical and high-minded lines, that will tend to remedy the present growing lawlessness in America.

Lawlessness is the disintegration of government, of society, and of the home. Our Church stands solid as the rock of Peter against anything that tends to destroy these things. It stands for law and respect for law, for order and the upholding of order, for the home, its safety and its preservation, for the children to respect

## EDUCATION HELPS CATHOLICITY

The Catholic Church has made wonderful progress in countries where scientific advance has reached its greatest heights. The more the world progresses, the more the Catholic Church does, for progress and Catholicity go hand in hand. 400,000,000 Catholics today believe the same truths, profess the same faith, and are all united under one Head. Matt. 16, 18.

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and obey our lawfully elected rulers, and all just laws. The children of the Church are taught that all lawful authority comes from God, and that he who resists such authority resists God's authority.

We doubt if President Hoover's commission can or will recommend any remedy for lawlessness that will equal this. Respect for law must be grounded in conscience. The mere "Thou shalt not" of Legislators will never bring prompt and hearty obedience of all laws. The dictum of legislators very often brings resentment, opposition, contempt, and sometimes open defiance. America is experiencing this very thing at the present time. It is proving an alarming, and even a harrowing experience. That is why President Hoover has appointed this Commission, and has asked its eleven members to make an exhaustive study of crime and of judicial procedure in relation to crime.

We hope the Commission will do some good. We believe it will make an honest study of conditions, and we will await its recommendations with interest, and with some anxiety. Meanwhile, it will do no harm to remind the Commission that the Ten Commandments and their application to human life embody everything that stands for the preservation of law, of order, of society and of the home. A people that obeys these Commandments will never cause concern to the Government or its rulers.

#### PREJUDICE GETS A WALLOP

In Bryan County, Georgia, the jury commissioners solemnly adopted a resolution not long ago excluding all Jews from jury lists. Interested citizens who have some respect for American ideals and principles took the matter to the Superior Court of the County. A jury trial was had. The Judge, in charging the jury, said that while the commissioners could not exclude Jews as a class or because of race or other prejudice, they could exclude any person individually for the usual reasons obtaining in such cases. The jury brought in a verdict favorable to the commissioners who had excluded the Jews, and the case was appealed to the Supreme Court of the State of Georgia.

American ideals were safe with the Supreme Court, for the judges of that court, by a unanimous decision, reversed the Superior Court. In its decision the Supreme Court said in part:

"Under undisputed evidence in this case the jury commissioners who revised the jury lists in 1928 for Bryan County acted under gross misapprehension of their official duty. Such act goes to the very root of the jury system as a branch of the administration of justice. It would be difficult, if not impossible, to overestimate the importance of having our jury lists made up in a spirit of absolute fairness and in adherence to the law. If trial by jury ever fails, it will likely be due to causes which are apparent in this record."

This decision hits prejudice and bigotry a healthy wallop, and a needed one. America, in some parts, is infested by self-appointed, narrow-minded, obnoxious indi-

viduals who have arbitrarily assumed to themselves the authority to decide the civic and political rights of their fellow-citizens. As long as their views are confined to the barren fields of their own individual actions, individuals who have arbitrarily assumed to themselves the authority to decide the civic and political rights of their fellow-citizens. As long as their views are confined to the barren fields of their own individual actions, individuals who have arbitrarily assumed to themselves the authority to decide the civic and political rights of their fellow-citizens. As long as their views are confined to the barren fields of their own individual actions, individuals who have arbitrarily assumed to themselves the authority to decide the civic and political rights of their fellow-citizens.

## WAYSIDE WHEAT

By the Managing Editor

Great bodies move slowly. It took the United States Government ten years to discover that John V. Hogan of Chicago is a hero. Hogan follows the unromantic path of selling motor trucks. Eleven years ago, a plain private, he followed the flag to France. The front-line trenches held his regiment, which went out over the top and into the awful carnage of battle.

An enemy machine gun mowed down, checked and dominated Hogan's platoon. Single-handed, Hogan crept ahead through the battle zone. "In utter disregard of his own safety, and with splendid heroism," the official citation says, Hogan leaped into the gun nest, killed two of the enemy, captured ten others and the gun, and rescued the survivors of his platoon from certain death.

Now, eleven years later, our Government bestows upon him the belated award of a Distinguished Service Cross. Modestly, Hogan accepted the award and continued his work of selling motor trucks. It is pertinent to remark that our good deeds, as well as our evil ones, sometime find us out if we are patient. Hogan, we dare say, is just as creditable to his country in peace as he was in war.

John Devoy went home to Ireland the other day. A staunch fighter and a vigorous advocate of Ireland's rights and liberties, he founded the Gaelic American that he might the better stir up his countrymen in the New World to action in behalf of their native land. His voice was a potent one before the World War, when Ireland needed men like him.

Now he is dead. And his friends decided that he should sleep on the breast of the land he loved. So they took his body back home. One thousand people gathered in St. Malachy's Church, New York City, to attend the funeral Mass celebrated for him

in the Church where he worshipped God in America. Crowds lined the sidewalks outside the Church, unable to find room within. His coffin, draped with American and Irish flags, was taken to the Hoboken pier after the Mass. There another crowd said tearful farewell to the staunch champion of Ireland's rights. Some two-score friends accompanied the remains across the seas.

John Devoy's body will rest in the Patriot's Plot, Glasnevin cemetery, Dublin, buried with State honors by his native land. His life, his work, his long fight for Ireland's freedom—these will be remembered, and many of his countrymen will pray for the dauntless soul that has gone to its eternal reward.

Catholic tourists who go abroad should include Ireland in their itinerary. Poets have rightfully called the land "A Little Bit of Heaven", so beautiful is it, and so hospitable and kindly its people. This year there is a special reason why tourists should visit the land. The people are celebrating the 100th anniversary of Catholic Emancipation. Mammoth celebrations, religious as well as patriotic, are being held all over the land, and even in England and Scotland.

One hundred years ago Daniel O'Connell defied the Penal Laws that had debased and degraded his people for centuries; defied the British Parliament, and demanded his God-given rights as a Catholic and an Irishman. The great British Empire immediately went into a turmoil. O'Connell was forbidden to talk, threatened, bullied and jailed. His answer was perhaps the greatest ever given by any people to any man—more than 200,000 people at the Hill of Tara to hear him demand Ireland's rights. That started the British government and awoke the Irish people to a determination to make the government restore their civil and political rights. O'Connell's mighty voice and fiery nature finally battered down all opposition. He won. His people won. The Penal Laws were revoked. Priests were hunted no more. Citizenship was restored to the Catholic people of Ireland, and now all Ireland is celebrating the centennial of the victory. Participation in this centennial will be an unforgettable event for any American tourist, and will increase our love for our own land and its liberties.

The Radio, at last, has received the official benediction of American law. Two gentlemen of leisure in Texas, being short of funds, proceeded to rob and kill a reputable citizen who had saved his cash. The crime was broadcast by Radio, together with a description of the suspects. A policeman in Oklahoma, sitting with receptive ear by his Radio, bestirred himself and soon had the suspects in durance vile, together with some \$1,800 and other booty they had taken from their victim. The murderers, imitating the tactics of certain stalwart defenders of our rights and liberties, contended that their arrest, the search of their car and the seizure of their booty, was done without warrant of law, and was therefore illegal. But the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals has decreed otherwise, thereby upholding legal action based solely upon the vibrant voice of the Radio.

Dry agents in Chicago held up two men on the streets without warrants, searched them, found a bunch of keys in the pockets of one man, and with the keys opened the doors to his flat. Inside they found one gallon of liquor. Then they arrested both men for violating the liquor laws. The United States Commissioner before whom they were arraigned promptly discharged both men, and gave the dry agents a needed lesson in law.

The gentlemen whose Constitutional rights were thus grossly violated were Felix Sprinzukas and John Kazlukas. They were not Al Capoe or Red Moran, or any other gentlemen high up in bootlegging activities. For dry agents in Chicago, as well as in other parts of America, have developed a healthy habit of picking on the little fellow and letting the big fellow alone. This is one reason the Volstead law has fallen into such disrepute.

Kazlukas, whose keys were taken, has now learned that no one except a burglar has the right to remove them by force. That is one good American point for him to remember.

## Sunday's Liturgy

By Rev. Joseph L. Lord

June 23

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

In today's Mass the liturgy instructs us in the great precept of charity. As an introductory prayer to the sublime lesson to be firmly impressed upon us, the Church has us pray humbly and confidently: "Hear, O Lord, my voice with which I have cried to Thee; be Thou my helper, forsake me not, nor do Thou despise me, O God, my Savior" (Introit).

Confident of God's hearkening to our prayer, we plead that all our actions may spring from charity: "O God, who for them that love Thee hast prepared good things, which eye hath not seen, pour into our hearts a fervent love for Thee" (Collect).

All our personal and human activity must be dominated by love of God. Then only can we say: "And I live, now not I; but Christ liveth in me" (Gal. 2, 20). And why? "So that in all things and above all things loving Thee, we may attain to Thy promises exceeding all desire of the heart of man" (Collect).

Our love for Jesus cannot be complete and true unless we allow our love to shine forth in our neighbor.

"Be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, being lovers of the brotherhood" (Eph. 4). Our neighbor is always Christ, but under various forms. If we do not see Jesus in him, our faith is weak and our love imperfect. It is not always easy to show charity to our neighbor, especially when he has hurt us; but we must forgive him and even in the secret of our heart love him as a brother in Christ. The infinite love God has shown to us urges us more readily to love Him. Our love for our neighbor often requires a more intense effort. It should be strong and generous: "Not rendering evil for evil—nor railing for railing, but contrariwise blessing" (Eph. 6). He who voluntarily shuts out his neighbor, loves not God. Such a one may pray much and seem to be a good Christian, but it availeth nothing: "If I speak with the tongues of men, and of angels . . . And if I should distribute all my goods to feed the poor and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing" (1 Cor. 13, 1-3).

Never should we forget that we are all one in Christ. "If we love one another, God abideth in us, and His charity is perfected in us" (John 4, 12). The love we have had for Jesus in the person of our neighbor will decide our eternal lot: "That whosoever is angry with his brother, shall be in danger of judgment, and whosoever shall say: Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire" (Gospel); and "the countenance of the Lord upon them that do evil" (Epistle).

### Canonization of Nun Who Founded Omaha Convent Is Proposed

Omaha, Neb., June 20.—Preliminary inquiry into the proposal to canonize Mother Mary Magdalene Benivoglio, founder of the Poor Clare Convent in Omaha, will open June 16 before a tribunal constituted by the Rt. Rev. Joseph F. Rummel, Bishop of Omaha. Mother Mary Magdalene, an Italian noblewoman, came to this country half a century ago and died in Evanston, Ill., 30 years ago.

Every step in the life of the religious will be scrutinized, it was announced, and it may be 20 years before the record is filed with the Pope and canonization formally proposed.

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